

INTERNATIONAL

UK mine supervisors launch strike

LONDON, Feb 1. (AP): Ten thousand mining supervisors launched a 24-hour strike today, halting most of Britain's coal production in the most widespread stoppage to hit the coal fields since the yearlong strike of 1984-85.

To other labour disputes, thousands of nurses and other health workers scheduled a one-day strike for Wednesday, and seamen operating ferries to Ireland and the continent planned an indefinite strike beginning tomorrow.

The 10,000 members of the National Association of Colliery Overmen, deputies and shot-firers walked off their jobs at midnight in northeast England. They were followed by colleagues in the rest of the country when shifts began at 6 a.m. (0600 GMT).

Dispute
"Production is effectively halted," said the union's National Secretary, Peter McNestry. "Most of our 10,000 members are on strike and they will continue to take some form of industrial action throughout the week until the dispute is settled."

Supervisors are responsible for mandatory safety inspections required before coal can legally be cut at the nation's 103 mines. The supervisors' union is separate from the National Union of Mineworkers, which staged a yearlong strike in 1984-85 in a futile effort to prevent the closing of unproductive mines.

The supervisors are seeking a 10-per cent annual pay increase retroactive to Nov 1, McNestry said. Last week, members rejected a 4.3-per cent annual pay increase that would have raised pay scales to a weekly average of about £244 (\$432).

State-owned British coal said surface work continued at some pits, but it estimated today's strike would cost the industry £14 million (\$25 million) in lost production.

Meanwhile, the National Union of Seamen voted at the weekend to begin an indefinite strike tomorrow at all 12 British ferry ports to protest the firing of 161 seamen by a ferry company in the Isle of Man off England's West Coast.

Pakistan government blamed for weakness

Situation in Sind alarming: Jatoi

By Ashraf Shad

A PAKISTANI opposition leader has warned that the law and order situation in Sind province has reached an alarming stage and no town, village or city is safe.

Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, chairman of the Pakistan National People's Party and a former governor of Sind province told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview conducted in Karachi recently that robbers are openly operating in Karachi and Hyderabad and officials and prominent businessmen were being kidnapped in the interior of Sind in broad daylight.

He claimed ransom was being

paid by the government to secure the release of the officials.

"The lawlessness in Sind province has gone out of hand and people are scared of the robbery as well as the law-enforcing officials," he added.

Weak
Jatoi claimed that a weak and ineffective government was the main cause of chaos and confusion in the country.

"This government does not represent the people because only one-fourth of the people cast their votes in the elections through which this government came to power," Jatoi said.

Jatoi, who quit the People's Party of Benazir Bhutto and launched a new political party in August 1986, said the present

crisis can only be resolved by a strong government which truly represents the people.

He admitted that lawlessness, bribery, corruption and ethnic violence was the result of a decade of martial law in the country, but claimed the chaos and the sense of disappointment were the "presents" of the present civilian government.

Renewing his call for fresh general elections in the country under a caretaker government, Jatoi urged the democratic forces to join hands and work for setting up a truly representative government.

He severely criticised the local polls held recently in Pakistan and claimed the government

Greece and Turkey set up crisis hotline

Aegean foes vow to avoid war

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1. (Reuters): Greece and Turkey, whose long-standing feud has weakened NATO's southern flank, have embarked on a peace initiative, setting up a crisis "hotline" and vowing to avoid war.

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu of Greece and Turgut Ozal of Turkey discussed the territorial dispute which almost brought them to war last year and declared such a crisis should never be repeated.

They agreed to set up a crisis telephone link between their capitals and hold a summit once a year to head off any disputes which could threaten peace between the neighbouring Mediterranean states.

Ozal hailed the peace initiative, announced after two

days of talks in this Alpine ski resort on Sunday, as a breakthrough in Greek-Turkish relations.

Papandreu was more cautious, saying hot sides appeared to be acting in good faith "but only time will tell."

The prime ministers sat side-by-side at a news conference, reading out a joint communique which went far beyond the expectations of most commentators in Turkey and Greece.

Ozal and Papandreu joined in a half dozen social events during a world economic seminar in Davos and held two sessions of private talks. Only one had been planned.

The traditional rivals in the East Mediterranean almost went to war last March over territorial

and mineral rights in the Aegean Sea.

Their fierce rivalry has been cited repeatedly by military experts of the NATO Western alliance as a cause for concern about the pact's southern flank.

Papandreu told reporters he missed the Aegean dispute, and proposed demilitarizing the divided island of Cyprus.

About 25,000 Turkish troops moved into the Northern sector of the island after Greek-Cypriots tried to stage a coup in July 1974. Turkish troops are still there.

The prime ministers said their summits would alternate between Athens and Ankara, and would begin this year. There was no decision on who would make the first visit.

Election law

SEOUL, Feb 1. (AP): South Korea's opposition parties rejected a compromise proposal by the ruling party today and the two sides remained deadlocked over how to revise election laws before upcoming legislative balloting.

Romance on again

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 1. (Reuters): South Africa's on-off romance across the colour bar between a 22-year-old black martial arts instructor and a 20-year-old white girl is on again, with the girl now saying they plan to marry.

The affair between Jerry Tsie and Annette Heunis has made headlines in South Africa where marriage between the races was illegal until two years ago and interracial relationships are still rare.

Their relationship seemed at an end 10 days ago when police escorted Heunis from a black township, Kulluanong to conservative Orange Free State province, where she was living with Tsie.

Police said they acted at the

request of the girl, who later told reporters she had left Tsie for good.

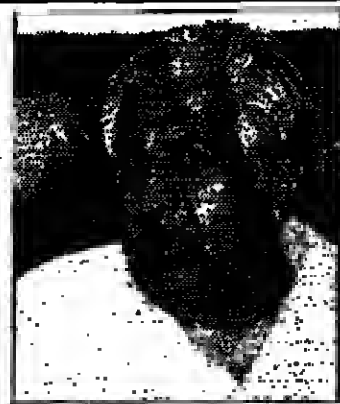
But Heunis had a change of heart and early yesterday she rejoined him in the township, where residents have given her the nickname "Palest" (flower).

"After eight days I decided my place was with Jerry," she told reporters, adding that they plan to marry.

Heunis has been ostracised by people in her white home town.

Spy plane

TOKYO, Feb 1. (AP): A USSR-71 reconnaissance plane infiltrated North Korean air space today for the sixth time this year, Pyongyang's official Korean central news agency said.



Jatoi

broke all previous record of rigging-manipulation and wrongdoing.

Jatoi claimed that he was offered the premiership of the country twice, once in 1981 and again in 1984, but he declined. He, however, said he would give a serious consideration if the offer is repeated.

Jatoi said he does not recognise the Pakistan Muslim League headed by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo as a political force and claimed that if the situation changed, no prominent figures would stay in the League.

China revives euthanasia debate

PEKING, Feb 1. (Reuters): China has revived a sensitive debate on whether to permit the killing of incurably ill people — and one of the country's most prominent stateswomen has emerged as an advocate of euthanasia.

A survey of 199 people published today in the northern province of Heilongjiang showed 89 per cent favoured euthanasia for terminally ill cancer victims.

"As euthanasia is against Chinese traditional concepts and morality, the result was a surprise," the Chinese women's journal commented, cautioning that only 19 per cent of those polled were over 50 years old.

On Sunday, Health News reported China's first mercy killing court case and carried comment by Deng Yingchao, the 83-year-old widow of Premier Chou Enlai, supporting euthanasia.

Deng had written to China's central radio station in support of a group of doctors and scientists who had come out in favour of "Euthanasia" during a conference in December.

Her support of "peace and happiness death" — as mercy killing is known in Chinese — was an opinion based on materialistic considerations, she said.

Chinese readers of the article were surprised that a senior politician should speak so openly on the subject, recalling that the official press dropped a long-running debate on euthanasia two years ago after failing to find consensus.

Troops fire tear gas at voters

Gunmen kill three lawmen in Manila

MANILA, Feb 1. (Reuters): Suspected communist rebels gunned down three lawmen in the streets of Manila and troops fired tear gas at voters who stormed a town hall protesting against election results.

The military said gunmen shot dead two members of the National Constabulary at point blank range yesterday after the pair slowed down their patrol car to go over a bump in a road in Manila. The killers escaped on a pedicab.

A policeman was shot in the back of the head in another part of the capital yesterday after getting off a public transport jeep.

Favour

At dawn today, riot troops tried to break up an unruly crowd of almost 1,000 people who were led by two candidates who lost local elections on January 18.

The candidates said poll officials had tampered with the results in favour of those running on President Corason Aquino's ticket.

The night-long protest turned into a riot when one candidate yelled "charge," said Simplicio Estupina, a police captain in Manila's Muntinlupa district.

"Cheaters," the mob shouted as they pelted the two-storey building with rocks and hammered its windows with wooden planks. Others smashed a car and burned tyres in the street.

Police said they ordered the crowd to disperse, then moved in with firetrucks and teargas. They said there were many injuries, but no-one was seriously hurt.

Twenty people broke into the building, smashing windows and scattering papers.

By Dawn, 2,000 people had barricaded a nearby highway with rocks, garbage cans, furniture and wooden planks, police said.

The military says 136 people were killed in election-related violence since campaigning began in December for thousands of seats all over the country for governor, mayor and councilman.

Denies

Rebel spokesmen told a Manila-based Australian journalist at the weekend that Australians, Britons and Israelis have become targets for attack because of involvement in the offensive against the communist New People's Army.

The embassy of Israel categorically denies any role in the counter-insurgency in the Philippines and insists that the allegations on this subject are completely baseless," spokesman Itzhak Gerverg said in a statement.

A spokesman for the Australian Embassy in Manila said he would not like to comment on the threats. No British official was available for comment.

19 killed as S. Africa's Zulu war escalates

JOHANNESBURG, Feb 1. (Reuters): Nineteen Zulus were killed in the bloodiest weekend of a year-old political power struggle that has turned the rolling hills of Natal into South Africa's most violent trouble-spot.

Monday's police bulletin listing the latest casualties gave few details but witnesses linked the killings to a drive by the Zulu Inkatha Movement to gain control of several rural townships.

The rival United Democratic Front (UDF) said Inkatha supporters with assegais (spears) and knobkerries (clubs) held a prayer rally in the township of Sweetwaters, where police reported five deaths.

Violence
"My information is that people in the area were told (by Inkatha) to go to the meeting and that if they didn't they would be shot," Peter Kerchhoff, head of a church group monitoring the violence, told Reuters.

"There certainly appears to be a concerted effort by Inkatha. They seem to be trying to regain ground," he said.

Inkatha, a 1.5 million-member organisation headed by Zulu leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi, has repeatedly denied it is provoking the violence but says it defends itself against UDF intimidation.

The two anti-apartheid movements have long been at loggerheads and there are fears that the feud in the Zulu heartland could spread.

The murders took the unofficial January toll to 108, easily the heaviest monthly casualty list since the so-called Zulu war began. About 400 blacks have now died.

In Lusaka, Zambia, President Kenneth Kaunda today rejected short-term talks with Pretoria on regional security, labelling South Africa's white rulers as "killers" and urging strengthened anti-apartheid sanctions.

"We are ready to talk if they show better commitment to peace and good leadership qualities," Kaunda told seven visiting Commonwealth foreign ministers.

"But this is impossible just yet because the South African regime are killers. They are violent both in theory and practice."

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Stalin's successor dies at 86

MOSCOW, Feb 1. (AP): Georgi Malenkov, who was dictator Josef Stalin's right-hand man during the purges of the 1930s and served briefly as Stalin's successor before falling into disgrace, is dead at age 86, a Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman reported today.

Deputy Foreign Minister Gennady Gerasimov said Malenkov, who was often rumored to have been shot after disappearing from view in 1957, died just a few days ago. No further details of his death were immediately available.

Soviet historian Roy Medvedev reported in 1984 in his book, *All Stalin's Men*, that he had spotted Malenkov sitting with his wife in a hospital for old Bolsheviks in Moscow. The writer said Malenkov had an apartment in Moscow but spent most of his time at his daughter's dacha outside the capital.

Malenkov served as Soviet Prime Minister for two years after Stalin's death in 1953 but lost out in a power struggle with Nikita Khrushchev. He was dismissed from his top posts as Premier and First Secretary of the Communist Party central committee in 1955 and publicly confessed to having followed the wrong policies.

In 1957, Malenkov was thrown out of the ruling politburo and of the central committee and apparently ended his career as a manager of a hydro-electric station in a small town in east Kazakhstan.

Born Jan 8, 1902, in the town of Orenburg in the Ural mountains, Malenkov joined the party after the 1917 Bolshevik revolution.

He participated in the civil war that followed, helping to put down a revolt by anti-communists in Central Asia.

Malenkov became a central committee secretary in 1939 and gained alternate membership in the politburo, then called the presidium, two years later.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Body found

LONDON, Feb 1. (AP): A body believed to be that of a missing research assistant at Britain's Atomic Energy Authority has been found halfway down a steep cliff in southwest England, police said today.

Russell Smith, 23, a junior scientist at the center in Harwell, 50 miles (80 km) West of London, vanished from his home two weeks ago.

His car was found last week abandoned in a parking lot in Boscastle.

Police said the body was spotted by a hiker yesterday on a cliff near Boscastle.

Heroin seized

DHAKA, Feb 1. (Reuters): Bangladesh police today said they found two kg (4.4 lbs) of heroin in the suitcases of two Sri Lankans detained four months ago for carrying forged passports.

They said the two men came to Bangladesh from India last October. Airport customs officers arrested them a few days later when they tried to board a plane to London allegedly with forged passports.

Heart transplant

LOMALINDA, California, Feb 1. (AP): Surgeons transplanted a heart into an 18-day-old boy born with a fatal defect.

The infant, identified only as Baby Renny, became the 12th to undergo heart transplant surgery at Loma Linda University Medical Center, said spokesman Dick Schaefer. The infant yesterday was reported in critical but stable condition.

Drug courier

PERTH, Feb 1. (Reuters): A New Zealand drug trafficker suffered brain damage and partial paralysis when a capsule of heroin burst in his rectum, an Australian court was told today.

Trevor Owen, 25, was carried unconscious from an aircraft at Perth Airport last November after arriving from Bangkok.

Death toll soars

AGARTALA, Feb 1. (Reuters): Pre-election violence in India's north-eastern state of Tripura claimed its 100th victim last night, two days before voting for the state assembly.

Intelligence sources said today that Tripura National Volunteer guerrillas had shot eight people and that the bodies of two more victims had been found.

Breast cancer

WASHINGTON, Feb 1. (UPI): The death rate from breast cancer increased 5 per cent in 1984 and 1985 for white women under age 50 after two decades of decline, federal officials reported today.

Among white men, lung cancer incidence reached its lowest point since 1977 and among blacks, the rate was the lowest seen since 1981, the National Cancer Institute said in its annual statistical report.

Even though the number of cases of breast cancer has increased, the mortality rates in this age group had been steadily declining from 1970 through 1983 at about 1.4 per cent a year, the cancer institute said.

Rights abuses

GENEVA, Feb 1. (Reuters): Human rights abuses must be publicised in order to deter tyrants, UN Under-Secretary-General Jan Martensson said today in opening an extensive review of rights violations around the world.

Sandstorm

CAIRO, Feb 1. (AP): A sandstorm over northern Egypt put Cairo in a yellowish haze today brought shipping to a halt in the Suez Canal and forced diversion of incoming airline flights.

The official Cairo Radio said the harbour was closed at the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, as was the desert highway linking Cairo with the port 140 miles (225 km) to the north.

The Suez Canal Authority ordered a temporary suspension of all traffic in the 100-mile-long (160 km) waterway that links the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

The canal stoppage halted three convoys totalling 51 ships in both directions. They included four British naval units headed for the Gulf region, the destroyers Gloucester and Exeter, the minihunter Duhverson and the survey ship Herald.

A Cairo airport control tower official, speaking anonymously under operating rules, said the facility officially was open but almost was paralysed by the sandstorm, which reduced visibility to 100 metres.

He said four incoming commercial airliners were diverted to Larnaca, Cyprus, and Egypt's southern city of Luxor. No planes had taken off by early afternoon, but the official would not say how many had been scheduled to go.

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Pakistani lady severely injured

Gas explosion devastates flat

By Fathima Ahmed

A 30-YEAR-OLD Pakistani woman, Shahnaz Shariff, on Sunday suffered severe burns when an explosion, caused by gas leakage, destroyed her home in Abbasiya in the early hours of the morning.

The explosion, according to a preliminary investigation, was caused by leakage of gas, which had accumulated overnight and ignited when Shahnaz switched on the light at the kitchen.

Shahnaz, who regained consciousness later on Sunday, has been unable to give a statement to the police, who are investigating the case.

Spark

Her husband, Qasim Ali Shariff, said: "I don't know what really happened as my wife is unable to tell me anything." He also believes the spark from the switch ignited the accumulated gas.

Shahnaz has been admitted to the Intensive Care Unit at the Ibn Sina Hospital. Hospital sources told the Arab Times that Shahnaz has suffered second degree burns, which cover 35 per cent of her body. He said the patient is "conscious and has been kept

under observation."

"It will take a very long time for her wounds to heal," he added.

The fire department, which examined the two gas cylinders in Shariff's home, suspect gas leaked out through the cheap quality regulator.

Flew out

Shahnaz is a banker at the Kuwait Real Estate Bank and has been residing in Kuwait since the age of two, when her family came here.

The couple have been married for six years.

The explosion was heard by Abbasiya residents living on the main road. The Shariffs lived in an apartment behind the police station.

The impact of the explosion was such that doors, windows and AC flew out, and everything in the first floor flat, from the TV to the wardrobes, were damaged. The doors of adjacent flats on the first floor broke to the impact of the explosion.

"The explosion destroyed nearly everything in the house. The balcony railing and AC were ripped off and flew to the other side of the road," said Qasim, pointing out at the bare balcony

and the empty hole, where the air conditioner was lodged two days ago.

The tragic accident occurred when Shahnaz went into the kitchen at 6 am to prepare food for her five-year-old son, Qasim, who was still in bed at the time, was rudely awakened when he heard the explosion and the bedroom door fell on him.

He first thought about his wife. "I heard her screaming. For a moment, I just could not think straight, and then, within seconds, I rushed into the kitchen and pulled her out." His wife's safety, he says, was his paramount concern.

She had suffered severe burns. Her hair had singed, and there were severe burns on her face, arms and forearms. Within minutes, he pulled out clothing which had stuck to her body, wrapped her in a blanket and rushed to the Farwaniya Hospital. Later on Sunday, she was shifted to the Ibn Sina Hospital's Burns Unit.

The building landlord has already begun repairs, installing front doors of all four flats on the first floor. Qasim said: "He has also promised to do the needed repairs in our home."



Everything has been shattered in the kitchen, where the explosion took place.

Mellor to visit Bahrain and Iraq

LONDON, Feb 1, (Kuna): Britain's Foreign Office Minister, David Mellor is expected to visit Bahrain and Iraq at the end of this month, diplomatic sources told Kuna today.

The minister's trip is part of his familiarisation process, with countries of the region after taking office in June last year.

Since he became the minister responsible for Middle Eastern Affairs, he has already visited Algeria, UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Last month he also toured Israel and the occupied territories and his sharp criticism of the Israeli occupation of Gaza and the West Bank had led to tensions in Anglo-Israeli relations.

Observers noted that the minister's outspoken touring the refugee camps in "Gaza" against the appalling conditions on the strip represented an "awakening of the British conscience" regarding the plight of the Palestinians and the necessity of securing a just settlement to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Meanwhile, the diplomatic sources said that Mellor's talks during his forthcoming visit to Manama and Baghdad would focus on the Iran-Iraq war and the international efforts designed to bring the conflict to an early end.

In addition, the Palestinian question, in the light of the escalating uprising in the occupied territories would also be examined, they added.

Mellor is expected later this year to pay more visits to the area including Qatar, Egypt and Jordan.

The Foreign Office would not confirm today any details about the minister's trip to Bahrain and Iraq, suggesting that an announcement would be made "when we are ready."

Kuwaiti envoy lauds efforts to promote Arabic

ISLAMABAD, Feb 1, (Kuna): Ambassador of Kuwait in Pakistan Qasim Omar Al Yaqout has lauded the efforts being made in Pakistan to promote and spread Arabic language.

Addressing a seminar at the Pakistan National Centre in Islamabad yesterday, he assured all possible help of Kuwaiti government in these efforts.

Al Yaqout especially commended the contribution being made for the spread of Arabic language by Pakistani ulama and the religious institutions. The seminar was organised by the Pakistan Arabic Council.

North Yemen Ambassador in Pakistan Abdul Malik Al Tayyeb in his speech said that Arabic language held a key position. Firstly it enabled Muslims to properly understand the Holy Quran and Sunnah. In the second place it could play the role of a link language amongst the Islamic countries of the world.

Courses Professor Mohammad Hanif, head of the Arabic department in Allama Iqbal Open University in Islamabad, said his university

was offering easy courses in Arabic language by correspondence all over Pakistan.

It was also putting out regular programmes on radio and television for people to learn the Arabic language without much difficulty.

In his presidential address, Syed Wasi Mazhar Nadvi, member of the Parliament, commended the consistent efforts of Pakistani ulama and religious scholars for propagation of Arabic among the Pakistani masses.

He said Arabic was so important that it should be made Pakistan's second compulsory language in educational institutions.

Communications Ministry's budget finalised

SALEH Al Sudan, the Assistant Undersecretary of Administrative Affairs at Kuwait's Communications Ministry, said the ministry had recently finalised its draft budget, allocating about KD6 million for the post and telegram services.

He said the new budget included employment for Kuwaitis and technical posts for non-Kuwaitis, adding that Kuwaitis would be trained to fill vacancies which arose by the resignation or retirement of non-Kuwaitis.

The total amount allocated for the telephone and telegram services under the 1987-88 budget was about KD33 million, he said, compared to the current budget of KD39 million.

15 accidents

THERE were 15 traffic accidents in Kuwait yesterday.

Three occurred in the city, two in Hawalli, nine in Ahmadi and one in Jahra.

Traffic accidents second highest cause of death

DR Ali Abdul Rahim of the Statistics Department at Kuwait's Interior Ministry, speaking at the Road Safety Society's weekly seminar, said deaths due to traffic accidents in 1987 in Kuwait totalled 336, with 85 per cent of the victims male and 50 per cent young people.

He said that although the number of traffic accidents had decreased in 1987 from the previous year, deaths from traffic accidents still represented the second highest cause of death with heart disease being first. Deaths resulting from traffic accidents have dropped from 11 per cent in 1982, he added, to eight per cent in 1987.

Dr Abdul Rahim explained that stricter enforcement by the Interior Ministry had contributed to the reduction in accidents, adding the collisions had dropped by seven per cent, fatal accidents by 30 per cent and overturned car accidents by 19 per cent. Most traffic accidents in 1987, he said, occurred on the highways, particularly on Sixth Ring Road.

Difference

When questioned about the difference in statistics between the Planning Ministry and the



Dr Ali Abdul Rahim and Road Safety Society members discuss the number of fatalities resulting from traffic accidents.

Interior Ministry, he explained that the two ministries lacked sufficient communication of information.

The Chairman of the Road Safety Society Sabah Al Rayes, also speaking at the meeting, praised the role of the Interior Ministry, adding that the society had played a significant role in reducing the number of accidents

because of its awareness campaigns on traffic safety.

He added that the society had computerised all accidents information obtained from the police department which could be used for future reference. He also requested that insurance companies contribute to the awareness campaign aimed at reducing the number of accidents.

Fana to rally support for Palestinian struggle

THE Federation of Arab News Agencies plans to pursue its campaign at the European and international levels to rally support for the Arab Palestinian people in the face of Zionist savagery.

Fana president Barges Hamoud Al Barges will lead a federation team to meet media officials in the European capitals to clarify causes of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation.

In Geneva, the team is likely to meet representatives of Western news agencies, the International Committee of Human Rights, Amnesty International and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Federation sources said the director of the Arab League office in the Swiss capital, Mahmoud Al Turaiki will take part in these contacts.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti students in the eastern French city of Besancon have decided to contribute part of their salaries to the aid of the uprising of Palestinians in the occupied lands.

Nayef Al Saad, French language student, told the Kuwait news agency that his colleagues have signed a paper demanding transferring a portion of their salaries to Palestinian funds.

He called on other Kuwaiti

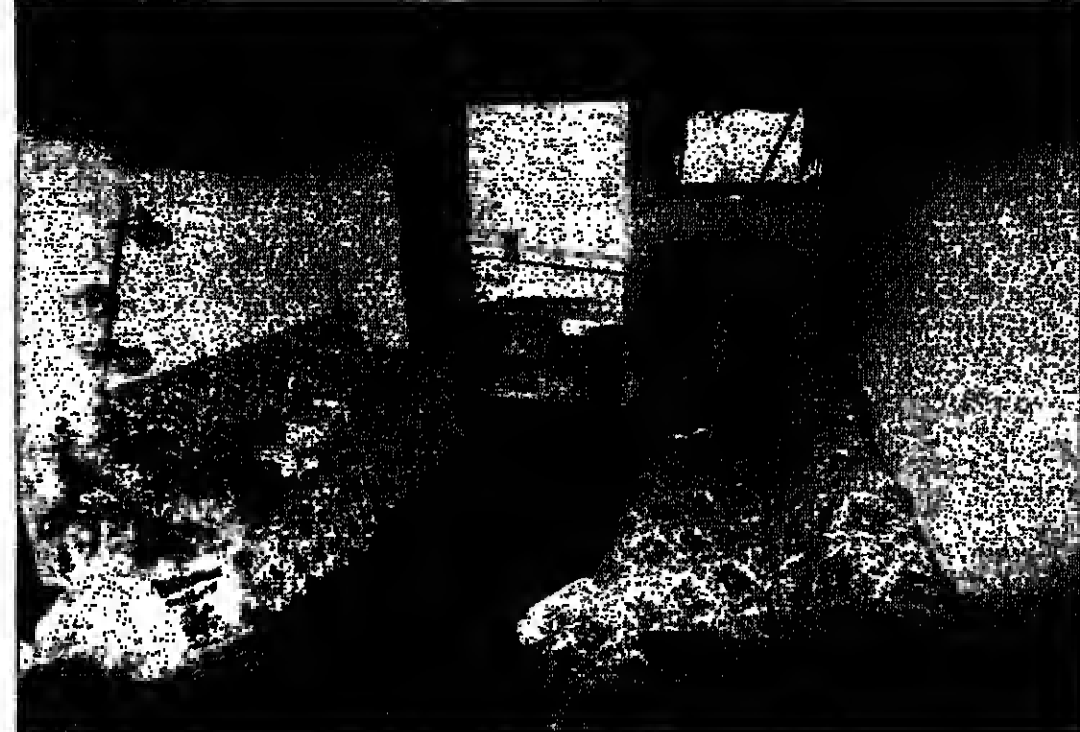
Orientation course

AN orientation course on types of explosives and fires arranged by the General Department for Criminal Evidence began yesterday at the Police Officers Training Institute.

The director general of the department, Brigadier Mansour Al Ibrahim, made the opening speech during which he urged the participants to take the maximum benefit from the course.

The opening ceremony was also attended by the director-general of the Police Academy, Colonel Abdullah Hamzah Al Roumi.

The course is being taken by 21 officers, 14 of whom will be taught about explosives and fires and seven about fires only.



The balcony door and railing were ripped off in the explosion. The air conditioner was installed in the hole on the right. (Photos by Mark Williams)

AIDS conference in Kuwait to focus on scientific aspects

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb 1, (Kuna): Much of the forthcoming AIDS conference in Kuwait would be devoted to the scientific, epidemiological and laboratory aspects of the spread of the disease in Arab countries, the head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) special programme on AIDS, Dr Jonathan Mann, said today.

In comments to Kuna during the world economic forum symposium here, Dr Mann noted that at the three-day meeting, which starts next Monday, there would also be a review of what each country in the Arab region was doing to combat the disease.

The meeting was being jointly arranged by the WHO, the Kuwait government and the Kuwait AIDS Collaboration Centre, headed by Dr Kazem Behbehani.

Campaigns

As of early January 78 cases of AIDS had been reported to the WHO from the east Mediterranean region, which groups most Arab countries, he said.

During the conference it was anticipated that a follow-up meeting for Arab countries would be planned, to discuss the social and behavioural aspects of the HIV infection epidemic, and public information campaigns that might be needed, he added.

Dr Mann, who will be taking part in the Kuwait conference, is due to fly to Zaire immediately afterwards, where AIDS is more deeply entrenched than in almost any other country.

Guidelines

At the Davos symposium later today he would be telling delegates that new WHO guidelines firmly opposed measures adopted by some firms and organisations to test all new employees for AIDS, he said.

Commenting on reports that the European Economic Community had adopted such a prac-

tice, he said that if this was confirmed it would be regrettable, and that the WHO would be contacting Brussels to establish what motivated the decision.

The WHO believed that people carrying the virus but who were not actually ill should be allowed to continue working, in complete integration with other staff.

As 70 to 90 per cent of infected people would still not have become ill after five years, there was no reason why they should be prevented from working, he said.

Teaching posts for graduates

KUWAIT'S Education Ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khudari said the ministry will have teaching positions for all Kuwaitis who graduate from the faculty of education's fall session.

Al Khudari, heading a meeting for senior ministry officials, said the meeting discussed the needs of education areas and the progress of work at schools during the second semester.

The meeting also discussed the second educational conference to be held by the ministry next month and the ministry's budget.

Training programme

THE faculty of commerce, economics and political science at Kuwait University is arranging a number of courses for the second semester.

The training programme will include a course in administrative planning in government services.

Hard labour

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court has sentenced a man to three years hard labour to be followed by deportation for presenting himself to a jeweller as a member of the ruling family and persuading him to hand over jewellery worth about KD39,000.



Security men in Jahra have arrested a nine-member gang on a charge of smuggling nearly one million drug pills into the country. The picture shows eight of the men.

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Medical services on par with West

THE director of Kuwait's Farwaniya Health Area Dr Sami Matar, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the quality of medical treatment provided at government clinics and hospitals was equivalent to that offered at private ones.

He added that the medical service in Kuwait matched that of Western countries and was enjoyed by all who live in Kuwait, both citizens and expatriates. Dr Matar added that the level of health awareness had improved significantly over the past few years among residents of the Farwaniya health area.

The director said the ministry welcomed suggestions from citizens and would follow up on any complaints about the medical staff, adding that acts of negligence on the part of a physician would meet with severe penalties.

Training course on fire safety

A TRAINING course on engineering and fire safety began at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) on Saturday with 36 trainees from government authorities taking part.

The course will focus on subjects such as combustible materials, fire detection, fighting fires and designation of emergency exits. Employees from Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain and KISR are also attending the five-day course, which features professors from the University of Edinburgh.

Kuwait-Goa flight to resume

Faleiro calls for Gulf war ceasefire

By Hamid Siddiqui

INDIA considers the Iraq-Iran conflict as very unfortunate and fully supports the UN Security Council resolution 598 calling for an immediate ceasefire in the Gulf war, the Indian State Minister for External Affairs, Eduardo Faleiro said last night.

The minister said he delivered a message from the Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to HH the Amir of Kuwait dealing with the Iraq-Iran war, the prevailing situation in the Gulf region and bilateral relations.

The minister also called on HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah and held extensive talks with the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and the State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Mohammed Al Osaimi. Faleiro described the talks as highly fruitful.

Convince

An Indian source who wished not to be identified told the Arab Times that the Kuwaiti leaders while appreciating the unique position of India in the Non-Aligned Movement and in view of its friendly relations with Iran has urged New Delhi to try to convince the Tehran regime to accept a ceasefire in its war with Iraq within the framework of the resolution 598.

The source added that Kuwaiti leaders appreciated India's stand that the withdrawal

of American and Western naval forces from the Gulf should be linked with the end of the Gulf war.

This position has been conveyed by India to the Iranian leadership which insists on withdrawal of all foreign naval forces from the Gulf before negotiations to end the war start, the source said.

The Indian minister also conveyed his government's strong condemnation of the brutal measures taken by Israeli occupation forces against the Palestinian citizens in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Steps

Turning on Indo-Pakistan relations, Faleiro said since assuming power in 1984 Rajiv has tried to normalise relations with Pakistan.

"Despite some hurdles, both the countries have taken some concrete steps to normalise relations. He said India has suggested to exchange newspapers, books, magazines and periodicals, stepping up travel facilities by opening of Khokara Par-Munabao rail route and establishing private joint venture firms.

Climate

He said it has also been suggested that all the outstanding issues should be sorted out with regard to the agreement of not attacking each other's nuclear facilities.

"Both are developing countries and must have closer relations and use their resources for



HH the Amir yesterday received Eduardo Faleiro (second right). The meeting was attended by Kuwait's State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaimi, (second left) and the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, N. N. Jha (left).

the development and well-being of their people," Faleiro said.

The minister declined to comment on the assumption that the recent visit to Peshawar by Rajiv Gandhi to pay homage to the nationalist leader Abdul Ghaffar Khan was a snub to the Pakistani leaders because Rajiv did not use the opportunity to have talks with them on bilateral issues.

He said there should be a

proper climate for the official visit of the Indian Prime Minister to Pakistan.

Investments

Faleiro addressed a gathering of Goan community and assured them that the Kuwait-Goa direct flight, which he said has been suspended because of some operational problems, will be resumed this summer.

He also assured the non-

resident Indians that their investments in their homeland is safe and has not been affected by the recent crash in the international stock exchange market.

Faleiro will today meet Kuwait's Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid and Chairman of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, before leaving for Bahrain.

Shuwaikh health centre

ABDUL Nur Al Awadi, the Shuwaikh Health Centre Secretary, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily, said the centre provides health services to all residents in the area, with a general medicine clinic and ear, nose and throat specialists at the Al Amiri Health Area. He explained that patients with special medical problems are transferred from their residential health area to specialists at clinics in the Shuwaikh Health Centre, adding that appointments are made for individual patients to avoid having to wait at the clinic or overcrowding.

The ear, nose and throat clinics regularly have 40 to 50 patients daily, he said, which is

considered a large number for such a clinic. The administration plans to increase the number of work days at the clinic to five instead of three to accommodate the number of patients needing medical attention, he added.

Registration

The centre also has an office for health registration and new patients are required to use their Civil ID cards to complete their health files, he said. Al Awadi urged all residents who come to the centre to be sure they have a health card, saying that it only takes a few minutes to get one and patients must have the card before they can be seen by a doctor.

Al Awadi said the centre con-

tains a large health library which was established to enhance the knowledge of society members, adding that plans are being made to expand the library so residents will be able to use it.

An ear nose and throat specialist, Dr Mohammed Abdul Atti, said the centre treats many different cases and the cooperation between the administration and doctors made the large patient load much easier.

Al Abdull Hussain, the Head of the Shuwaikh Health Centre Pharmacy, said everything ran smoothly at the centre and no medicine shortage was apparent. He added that cold and allergy prescriptions are the most common throughout the year.

Kisar research programmes

SALAH Al Mazzeidi, the Head of the Business Development Office at Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), said 24 project contracts had been signed between KISR and various agencies during the first half of the 1987-1988 fiscal year. 11 contracts were signed with government agencies, five with the joint sector, and three each with the private and regional sector.

He said these contracts involved research programmes in food, water, petroleum, natural resource development, infrastructures, urban development, applied systems and economic programmes.

Al Mazzeidi said that KISR had received more proposals than they could meet and stressed the importance of the institute's ability to support its development and growth in the field of solving all technical problems.

Bahrain Amir receives Roudhan

MANAMA, Feb 1. (Kuna): Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received visiting Kuwaiti Minister of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan and discussed the existing bilateral relations at all levels.

Following the meeting that was attended by Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Al Khalifa and minister of housing Sheikh Khalid Al Khalifa, Al Roudhan expressed satisfaction over the high standard level that Bahrain reached in providing appropriate housing for its citizens, radio Bahrain said.

Al Roudhan added that his talks with his Bahraini counterpart have centered on ways to boost bilateral cooperation and exchanging expertise in the technical fields relating to housing.

KAC to lease Boeing to European firm

KUWAIT Airways' chairman of the board and director general Ahmed Al Mishari said that the KAC will lease one of its jets of Boeing 727 to a European company on the condition that it be flown by a Kuwaiti crew.

The KAC condition will open opportunities for Kuwaiti assistant pilots to fly in 727 jets to communicate with different companies and airlines. Al Mishari indicated, in an interview with a Kuwaiti newspaper published here today that KAC will follow a charter policy for its UN-needed planes to increase its revenues for next year.

KAC will charter two Airbus jets this month to Egypt, according to the endorsed agreement between the two countries, the chairman added, noting that the KAC is preparing the jets and training the Egyptian pilots who will work on the plane.

The KAC will regain one of its chartered planes from Egypt at the end of the current month and the other one at the end of June.

Al Rashed meetings

STATE Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed yesterday conferred respectively with Czechoslovak Foreign Undersecretary, Dusan Olcak and US Commerce Undersecretary.

Rashed discussed in the two meetings Kuwait's links with Czechoslovakia and the United States, an official source said. Later Al Rashed received Sheikh Athbi Salem Al Ali Al Sabah, director general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fisheries Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah and the Undersecretary of the Civil Service Diwan Abdul Aziz Al Zahn.

MEW studying thermal insulation

YOUSSEF Al Hajiri, the Assistant Undersecretary of Kuwait's Ministry of Electricity and Water (MEW) Technical Services Department, said the ministry was studying the various methods of thermal insulation, adding that the use of such insulation reduces power consumption by 30 per cent.

The ministry has started an information campaign to inform people about ways to conserve power and water consumption at home and in offices, he said.

Shahnaz in Kuwait

A LARGE number of men are seeking treatment for dandruff and falling hair at the Shahnaz Herbal counter at the cosmetic fair in Mishrif.

Indian beautician Shahnaz Hussain, who has created a variety of herbal products for men and women, is in Kuwait to take part in the cosmetic fair.

Shahnaz has recently added a new product, 'Shadlight', which controls moisture loss, to her range, particularly suitable for use in the desert climate.

Role of people in protecting environment vital: Sheikh Ali



Sheikh Ali (second right) and Dr Al Awadi (right) are presented with bouquets.

THE Governor of Ahmadi, Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, yesterday stressed the important role people can play in protecting the environment and public utilities.

Speaking at the opening of Ahmadi's Ideal Governorate Week, he said that progress and prosperity did not come by luck alone, but was the result of relentless efforts by all, including the public.

Sheikh Ali urged Ahmadi residents to work with him in making it the ideal governorate and the pattern for other governorates. He said that people who feel the country is theirs and public interests should be given priority will certainly work to preserve and protect the country and environment.

He praised the great attention paid by HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, to protecting the environment. The Planning Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, took part in the opening ceremonies.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audiences

HH the Amir yesterday received the head of the audit bureau, Faris Abdul Rahman Al Wegayan, who submitted to the Amir a report by the audit bureau dealing with the final account of the state's financial department for fiscal 1986-87.

Al Wegayan expressed gratitude of the bureau's head and staff for being received by the Amir and said that this reflects the Amir's concern with the role of the bureau.

The Amir expressed appreciation for the bureau's important role in safeguarding the national wealth.

The Amir provided head of the bureau with guidance and instructions for more achievements in its auditing role.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah received at his office yesterday head of the Audit Bureau Faris Abdul Rahman Al Wegayan and the Finance Minister Jassim Al Khoraif. Sheikh Saad received as well the director-general of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fisheries, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij. Sheikh Saad also received a number of citizens at the public diwan.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

US policy blamed

A KUWAITI daily yesterday blamed the US policy for the suffering of the Palestinians in occupied Jerusalem, Noblus and Gazo Strip. Al Rai Al Aom, in an editorial, said for those who are looking for a solution to the Palestinian problem from the US or the USSR and other foreign capitals, "they missed the fact that the suffering of the Palestinian people was caused by the US' annual three billion dollar support to Israel."

The daily greeted the Palestinian people uprising in the occupied lands, continuing for more than seven weeks, and urged the world to support the Palestinian struggle until a solution to the Middle East major problem is reached.

Islamic Omma urged to support

THE Palestinian people uprising, in its 56th day, assured that it is the only means of liberating the occupied lands, a weekly religious magazine reported.

Al Mojama magazine, to be issued today, urged the Islamic Omma (community) to support the uprising by oil means to end the 40 years of struggle against Zionism.

The magazine stressed that it is important to refuse any kind of reconciliation or treaties with the Zionist entity because, as it said, they committed the worst massacres against the Palestinians such as Der Yassin and Sabra and Shatillo.

It emphasised that the Jews are unworthy of being trusted, judging by the long history Arabs and Muslims experienced from them since the early days of the Prophet of Islam.

GULF PRESS

A challenge to occupation

GULF dailies yesterday continued hailing and supporting the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories in its 55th day against the occupation.

Saudi newspaper 'Al-Bilad' said, that the continuation of the Palestinian upheaval is considered as a challenge to the occupation and a strong expression of rejecting all means of occupation.

Calling on the Palestinian leadership to escalate the uprising to achieve Palestinian's rights, the paper affirmed that the Palestinian cause is undergoing a decisive stage, and the latest events should not be ignored by all means in order to achieve the desired goals.

Daily Okhail hailed the positive outcome of the uprising on international level noting that such developments are considered as a turning point in the Palestinian question.

It added that the Palestinian people have managed to attract world-wide attention to their tragedy and dilemma.

"The Zionist Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir must understand that the Palestinian territories which witnessed the death of the tens of Palestinian youths, will bring up thousands more instead, and the stone-throwers accept nothing but their legitimate rights and an independent state."

GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED

GARDEN SILK MILLS LIMITED, the parent unit of the well known Garden Vareli Group has proposed the issue of 25.3 lakhs Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 75/- per share aggregating Rs. 21.5 crores.

The Equity Issue was originally proposed as a Right Offer. However, the Government has directed the company to issue the Equity Shares by way of a public offer through Prospectus.

GARDEN PUBLIC ISSUE PHASE I: In September, 1987, the company entered the capital market with a simultaneous issue of 3,00,000 Equity Shares of Rs. 10/- each at a premium of Rs. 75/- per Equity Share aggregating Rs. 2.25 crores and 22,00,000 12.5% Secured Convertible Debentures of Rs. 185/- each aggregating Rs. 40.70 crores.

The First Phase Issue represented 20% or half of the minimum Equity required to be offered to the public under prescribed guidelines. The project for capital expenditure programme for expansion and modernisation, including installation of hi-tech looms, is under implementation.

Garden's first Public Equity Issue was oversubscribed 91 times.

GARDEN PUBLIC ISSUE PHASE II: Encouraged by the company's excellent performance in product marketing, resulting from installation of hi-tech looms and yarn preparatory made earlier, the company has opted to take in hand a further capital expenditure programme through a Phase II Public Issue to update its yarn preparatory facility and to strengthen the long term fund base. Sophisticated yarn preparatory equipment is required to optimise the full performance capability of the company's existing hi-tech looms.

It is envisaged that the hi-tech yarn preparatory project will revolutionise the finished product quality of Garden fabrics, thereby furthering their competitive edge.

The total cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 2,251 lakhs and the same is proposed to be financed as follows:

Public Issue of Equity Shares 2,130.50
Internal Cash Accruals 100.50
2,251.00

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986-87 (Audited)
1. Turnover	3,145	5,251	8,635	13,320	14,046
2. Gross profit before interest	212	276	774	1,479	2,112
3. Interest	85	105	127	139	137
4. Profit before depreciation & tax	127	171	647	1,340	1,775
5. Depreciation	44	33	115	162	170
6. Profit before tax	83	138	532	1,178	1,605
7. Tax	12	9	37	142	160
8. Profit after tax	71	109	495	1,036	1,445
9. Gross fixed assets	838	975	2,000	2,818	6,076
10. Share-capital	51	117	170	200	519*
11. Reserves	340	453	917	1,776	3,519*
12. Net worth	421	570	1,087	1,976	4,038
13. Rate of dividend			9%	15%	18%
14. Earning per Rs. 10/- share	.77	9.32	29.12	51.80	30.92**

* Before bonus issue of Rs. 234 lakhs.
The recently published unaudited half-yearly results show an increase of 20.4% in the operating profits and 8.8% in profit before depreciation and tax.

Performance highlights: Six months ended 30.9.1987 (Rs. in lakhs) Corresponding six months in the previous year (Rs. in lakhs)

Turnover 7,040 6,555
Operating profits 1,103 916
Profit before depreciation & tax 839 789

Before Garden entered capital market in September, 1987, investments to the tune of Rs. 41 crores had been made in hi-tech machinery in weaving and yarn preparatory. It is expected that benefits and cost advantages accruing from these investments will reflect in the profitability of the company in the ensuing year.

The financial strength is reflected in:
* High net worth expected to be Rs. 71.5 crores by 31.3.88, including free reserves of Rs. 61.5 crores.
* Low debt equity ratio of 0.75 to 1
* High interest cover of 4.5 times.

PRESENT TREND: For the nine months of the current year, the turnover is Rs. 114.89 crores and the trend is expected to continue.

THE ISSUE: The equity shares shall be offered as under:

a) Employees
b) NRI/persons of Indian origin residing abroad on repatriation basis
c) Unit Trust of India
d) Indian public

The Issue opens on 13th February, 1988 for Non-Resident Indians and on 15th February, 1988 for the Indian public.

LISTING: The company proposes to list its equity shares on the Stock Exchanges at Ahmedabad, Bombay, Bangalore, Calcutta, Delhi & Madras.

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General knowledge needed: electrical plumbing, mechanical.

Apply personally with photo and certificates.
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Facility proposed

Women demand exclusive club

A GROUP of women are trying to open an exclusive club for women in the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in Salmiya. But their efforts will bear fruit only if 250 women opt to join such a facility.

Kuwait has clubs for nearly everyone, except women, who believe there is a need for an exclusive sports facility for women.

There are clubs for women in nearly all Gulf countries. Women in Kuwait want to get to "get a sports facility where we can swim and walk" without being pestered, according to one woman who is fighting for the facility.

"They are spending millions of dollars to build the Waterfront project. Why can't they let women have a sports club," she asks. "It's so unfair," she adds.

The women are apparently not looking for segregation but just need a safe haven where they can relax without worrying about men loitering in the corridors.

Some American and British women who have embraced Islam prefer "an exclusive facility, where they can take children out for walks, mainly because their husbands don't allow them to visit clubs with mixed membership." "It is high time something is done about a club for women," a woman asserted.

Membership
The management of Ras Al Ardh Sea Club has "agreed in principle" to provide a sports club for women at its premises. But they have driven a hard bargain.

"They will open the club only if they have 250 members," said one woman.

According to a reliable source, the club has a very limited mixed membership, men and women, but the male membership are not too happy about a club for women.

"Whenever a woman goes to look around, they put her off, saying it is not the best place," she says.

Perhaps it is not the best

place, but it would give women the freedom to swim, play tennis, hold meetings and to go out with children, they said. The club has an uncovered pool but the management has "promised" to modify it. Other facilities include a tennis court, a spacious garden, a children's playground and a functions room. Facilities could be expanded if there is sufficient interest.

A group of women believe they might be able to get more women interested in the idea of an "exclusive club for women." "The trouble is not many women are aware of a proposal to open such a club," she feels that once the club gets going it would be very popular as it would be a "club for women, run by women." Whether it gets off the ground or not depends on membership.

Membership forms are available at the Ras Al Ardh Sea Club in the mornings from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 7 pm. Annual membership fee is about KD100.

Fascinating collection of ancient jewellery

By Keith Wells

HENRY Walters, an American railway magnate with an omnivorous appetite for art collected magnificent pieces of jewellery and beautifully crafted small objects like snuff boxes between 1900 and 1931.

He died in 1931 and before his death he left his collection to the citizens of Baltimore.

The Curator of Ancient Art at the Walters Art Gallery, Dr Ellen Reeder, who is in Kuwait on Sunday gave a lecture on "Ancient Jewellery in the Walters Collection."

Walters, she said, was particularly fascinated by small, beautifully crafted objects. His collection of snuff boxes is reckoned to be the best in the world. However, he also loved jewellery, and judging from Dr Reeder's slides, shown during the lecture, he had a connoisseur's eye for magnificent pieces of the jeweller's art.

Reeder concentrated on pieces of jewellery from the Hellenistic period between 200 and 30 BC when the eastern Mediterranean and the Near East passed through a cosmopolitan age in the aftermath of the splendid career of Alexander the Great.

Styles

Near Eastern styles and fashions of jewellery were quickly taken up by the Greeks and integrated Hellenistic culture, she explained.

Faiala Island played an important role in this trade as a customs and entrepot centre for goods from India making their way to the Mediterranean area.

Dr Reeder said that diamonds, rubies and sapphires were unknown in the ancient world until Roman times, but that during the Hellenistic Age, new discoveries like pearls from Bahrain and garnets from India were revolutionising the way Mediterranean civilisations looked at jewellery. She showed slides of hoop earrings worn in Persia matched with others found in the eastern Mediterranean region, and explained how they were worn by men in Persia, but by women

in the Greek states of the Levant.

Another item of jewellery which became fashionable in the West was the diadem, and Dr Reeder showed some exquisitely made samples from the Walters Collection which incorporated the recently discovered garnets that were so valuable during this era. The gold filigree and granulation work was of a superb standard at this period and Dr Reeder demonstrated how quickly styles were copied and adapted throughout the area. The international aura of the age is evidenced by the trading routes which opened up in the wake of Alexander's conquests and allowed a free interchange of ideas and fashions throughout the entire region.

Elements

One of the most magnificent pieces of the Walters Collection is a carved garnet ring, a marvellous piece of sculpture in miniature that must have been worth a small fortune. Two of these rings have both been signed by one Apollonius and consist of portraits of their owners which are so lifelike you feel you could recognise the man if you met him in the street.

Dr Reeder also spoke about the recent discoveries along the northern shore of the Black Sea. She showed some magnificent necklaces from this area, which contain all the elements of gold filigree and granulation work, large garnets and even the traces of ancient pearls. These latest discoveries were matched by those of the Olbia Treasure, found at the end of the 19th century and now in the Walters Collection. One item from Olbia, a stunning butterfly necklace, was a masterpiece of the jeweller's art.

Dr Reeder's lecture, organised by Dar Al Athar Al Islamiya, was very well received by an enthusiastic audience. Dr Reeder is in Kuwait for a week-long stay in which she hopes to visit the excavations at Faiala. She returns to Baltimore on Thursday to begin organising a major exhibition on Hellenistic Art which will be held at the Walters Art Gallery to coincide with the first American Congress of Archaeology in January 1989.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV1

- 2.15 Holy Quran
- 2.30 World News via Satellite
- 3.30 Ibtal Al Mu'Laeb: cartoon serial
- 4.00 News Summary
- 4.05 World News via satellite
- 4.15 Nuruddin Zanki: historical serial with Laila Taher, Ali Hassan, Sheza Salem.
- 5.15 Al Manahil: children's serial, starring Ahmad Qawadari, Tayseer Attiya
- 6.15 You and Your Health: local programme
- 7.00 News Summary
- 7.05 Afaq Al Fann: Art Horizons.
- 7.35 Al Quds: 20 Years On: "Madinat Al Aman" Part 5.
- 8.00 Hadith Al Usbooh: religious talk by Sheikh Ali Al Jassar.
- 8.15 Good Evening and Local News
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.50 Pages from the History of Kuwait
- 10.50 Photographs: daily Arabic serial, starring Abdullah Gbait, Madiha Hamdi, Mohammad Rida, Jamil Rateb.
- 11.30 News Summary
- 11.35 World News via Satellite
- 12.15 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV2

- 6.00 Holy Quran
- 6.10 Rainbow Bright:



Heart of the City, tonight.

"Horse of a Different Colour". Cartoons.

6.30 Side Kicks: "Ao Eye For an Eye". Rizo is hurt in a shoot-out; add Annie helps police to find the criminal.

7.00 Beyond 2000: a look at the latest advances in science and technology.

8.00 News in English

8.40 You and the Law: a local programme

8.50 Heart of the City: a trisec joins the police department, upsetting the work of the policeman.

9.30 Documentary oo Kuwait.

10.00 Tracey Ullman show: comedy.

10.30 Stick: (1979). Star: rior: Caodice Bergen, Burt Reynolds. Comedy of modern manners, basically a love triangle, with writer Burt trying to choose between teacher Jill Clayburgh and ex-wife Bergen, a writer of hit comic pop songs. Duration: 105 minutes.

12.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Radio Newsworld
- 30 2nd and 9th The Mysterious Art of the Conductor; 16th and 23rd Best on Record.
- 0100 News Summary followed by
- 30 Short Story
- 45 The Unclaimed Promise (ex 2nd and 9th)
- 0200 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Network UK
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newsweek
- 30 First Recordings of British Symphonies (ex 23rd Vir-nuo)
- 45 Reflections
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 New Ideas
- 40 Turning Over New Leaves
- 45 The World Today

- 0600 Newsweek
- 30 Rock Salad
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
- 30 The Unclaimed Promise (ex 2nd and 9th)
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Reflections
- 15 Health Matters
- 30 Music Feature including 2nd and 9th The Mysterious Art of the Conductor; 16th and 23rd Best on Record
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Capriccio (ex 2nd A Mozart Miscellany)
- 1000 News Summary followed by
- Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 A Letter from Scotland
- 30 Citizens UK
- 1200 Radio Newsworld
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

English

- Morning
- 08.00 Opening
- 08.02 Songs and Music
- 08.05 Thoughts in Islam
- 08.20 Songs and Music
- 08.30 NEWS
- 08.40 Songs and Music
- 08.45 Daily Programme
- 09.00 Songs and Music
- 09.30 They Sold A Million
- 10.00 Our First Today
- 10.05 Songs and Music
- 10.30 Country Collection
- 11.00 Closedown
- 13.30 NEWS on FM Service
- EVENING
- 21.00 Opening
- 21.02 In The Latin Mood
- 21.30 NEWS
- 21.45 Point of View
- 21.55 Songs and Music
- 22.00 Mohammad (PBUH)
- 22.15 In the Groove
- 22.45 Daily Programme
- 23.00 Hit Serial
- 23.30 Jazz in action
- 24.00 Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Sahiya
The Living Daylight
Starring: Timothy Dalton

Al Hamra
Out of Bounds
Starring: Anthony Michael-Hull, Jenny Wright

Drive-In
Al Nimir Wal Unsa (Arabic)
Starring: Adel Imam, Athar Al Hakim

Al Firdous
Uttar Dakshin (Hindi)
Starring: Jackie Sbroff, Madhuri, Rajnikant

Fahadhel Open-Air
Khuddar (Hindi)

Al Fahadhel
Watan (Pashto)

Al Jahra
Phool Sajja (Beogali)

Granada
Sreedharante Onnam Tiru Murivu (Malayalam)

Salaikhbat
North By North West

Al Jeeb
Daku-O-Darweesh (Bengali)

Ahmad Drive-In
Al Ghajariya Al Aashiqah (Arabic)

PRAYERS

- Fajr 5.16 am
- Zuhr 12.02
- Asr 3.06pm
- Maghreb 5.27
- Isha 6.46



An evening of Arabian traditions, Sahrat Al Khema, is held every Tuesday in SAS Hotel's The Tent.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum is open daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, except Friday, when it will be open only in the mornings. A large selection of Islamic artefacts from the Arab and Muslim world are on show.

National Museum
Modern art paintings by Kuwaiti artist Ahmed Al Munees are displayed at the National Museum; open from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 6 pm.

THEATRE

KLT - Comedy
KLT's comedy Say Who You Are, directed by Steve Prescott, will be performed at 7.30 pm on Feb 2, 3 and 4.

Tickets - KD3. For reservations call 3947651. Tickets must be collected from the Box Office, KLT, Ahmadi, or from Family Bookshop, Salmiya, two days before the performance date.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Society for the Handicapped

The society is holding an open book, featuring everything from silk to grocery, for two weeks. It will be open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 3 to 7 pm at the society's premises, behind Andalus Cinema, on Cairo Street, until Feb 15.

ACT
Any Texans or adopted Texans interested in helping with ACT's March Texas Independence Day Party are requested to contact 5725071; 2428366 or 5639304.

Daniella
All Daos are invited to "Fastelvan" party at the Gazelle Club at 1 pm on Friday, Feb. 12. For reservations contact Connie - 3947693; Karen-Marie - 3946725 before Feb. 9.

Greek Get-together
The Greek Embassy will hold a get-together to celebrate the Vassilopita on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6.30 to 8 pm at the school premises of the Embassy of Greece in Surra. All members of the Greek community are invited. For details phone 5335861.

Swedish Ladies Get-together
Swedish ladies coffee afternoon will be held today from 4 pm at the residence of Mrs Valentina Hedenstrom, Umroe Al Qais St., House No. 14, Block 6, Dasma. Tel. 2511175.

Canadian Women's League
The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb 6, from 4 to 6 pm. For venue and further details ring 3718678.

Winter Serenade
The Kuwait Players Winter Serenade features haute cuisine, music, show stoppers, oostalgic ballads, moody blues and celebrated classics performed by Ross, Jedny, Lynley, Reem, Rosie, and Carol. Directed by Peter Godfrey, Ross Laughton and Glenis Muckle. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Meridian Hotel, on Feb 2, and 3, Feb 4 Gala Dinner and show at 7.30 pm. For details ring 2656265; 5334695; 5334695 or 5730641.

Japan Week
A seminar on Japanese business will be held on Feb 3 at the Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Building from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. For further details, tel. 2533000 ext. 1156.

Kuwait Welsh Society
Annual St David's Day dinner at Messiah Beach Hotel on Tuesday, March 1. For tickets and further details phone 4874548; 3910875; 3912384.

Kapilku membership
Filipinos are invited to join Kapilku. Membership cards are available at the Philippine Embassy. For details call Jojo - 4877793.

Goan Show
The Goan Community will hold a cultural show to celebrate the 40th anniversary of India's independence on Feb 5, 3.30 pm at the Indian Arts Circle, Finatites. Invitation cards available from the Football Club, Kuwait Goas Association, N.G.O.A. and organisers. Transport will be available at 2.30 pm on Friday (Feb 5) from the Church in Kuwait City, Abbasiya Coop. and Farwaniya, main road (opp. Grand Stores).

Flasik
Flasik will hold a Valentine dinner-musical at 6.30 pm Feb 12, Friday, at Al Dira Ballroom, Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Free transport will be provided from the Church from 6 pm. For tickets ring 2439451, Mabuhay or Lords Restaurants.

Kuwait Singers
Rehearsals for the May concert are held at 7.30 pm every Saturday and Monday. New members welcome. Tel: 5331413.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop serves continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 1 am, including special a la carte menus.

At the SAS
Every Tuesday is Sahrat Al Khema - oriental night. Experience the exotic charm of the orient at the Tent. Arabian bazar, perfumes, jewellery, clothes and rugs are some of the attractions. Dinner, live music and raffle prizes.

At the Ramada Al Salam
Daily lunch, chef's special and dinner buffet at the Coffee Shop, open 24 hours. From Sunday to Friday, succulent steak and seafood specialties for fine dining at El Mercat Restaurant, from 7 pm to 1.30 am.

At the Sheraton
A wide repertoire of music ranging from 17th to 20th century music, including light jazz, will be presented by the Shaba Sound, a quartet of two oboes, a bassoon and harpsichord. The group will give a one-night performance on Feb 10. For details contact the hotel.

At the Maridien
Versailles open daily for lunch and dinner featuring a selection of meats and seafood, charcoal grilled to perfection. Affordable business lunch also offered.

"Open face" sandwiches are being promoted at the Al Waha Restaurant, until Feb 11.

At the Hilton
All-day dining at la Palma, featuring oriental, continental and international cuisine, open for lunch and dinner. The Faiala Restaurant offers a specialty menu plus chef's recommendations ranging from appetizers to desserts, and the usual grazing menu.

At the Continental
Gardenia offers food and beverage service on the Terrace. Daily dinner buffet and on Fridays, lunch buffet with charcoal grilled specialties. Darbar features daily lunch buffet and a la carte for dinner.

SPORTS

Filipino Non-Pro Bowling League

This week's match is on Friday, Feb 5. The matches in the morning are between Pasig vs Quezon City; Caloocan City vs Las Pinas and Malabon vs Paranaque. Pasig City vs Mandaluyong; Manila vs Marikina and Navotas vs Makati will play in the afternoon. The games will be held at the Club 300.

Kapilku Sports Festival
Entry forms for this year's Palarong Filipino - sports festival 1988 - are now available. Organised by Kapilku. During the yearlong event several events will be held. They are: Basketball, Volleyball, Lawn Tennis, Table Tennis, Bowling, Dama-Checkers, Chess and Darts. All events are open to men and women. For entry forms contact Gil Herico at the Philippine Embassy. For further details contact Boog Melencio - 4877793.

Soccer Team
A group of young Italians are organising a European soccer team. If you are interested please contact Carlo oo Tel. 2445120/1/2/3/4.

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THE Ethiopian famine is back, and so are the cameras — taking their now-familiar, sickening pictures of emaciated infants and the dying.

Why must this happen again? Many blame more than the climate, the ten-fold population increase since 1946, and the long-running wars in Eritrea and Tigray — and attack the country's Marxist government. They say it abuses the peasant farmers, and imposes ineffective and insensate agricultural policies which lead to low productivity and vanishing grain stocks.

However, the view from Addis Ababa itself is not so often heard. So we asked Tamerat Kebede, head of the international department of the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, for his opinions.

Kebede is no stranger to controversy. He ran the government's heavily-criticised resettlement programme of 1984-5, which flew and trucked 600,000 people, mainly from drought-hit Welo, down to supposedly more fertile country in the South-West. In the present crisis Kebede will be the government co-ordinator for international aid.

"Drought could be with us forever," he said. "It's the after-effects of the drought that we can ameliorate. The solution to our problem is to increase food production."

But agricultural development is not a matter for Kebede's RRC, which deals with disaster relief and a small degree of rehabilitation. It's a question for the ministry of agriculture.

"So you'll ask, what is the problem with the ministry of agriculture? I would say a lack of skilled extension workers, to get knowledge out into the field; a lack of cash to introduce improved technology; and a lack of vital inputs like improved seeds and tools and fertiliser. These are the basic impediments."

"Our agricultural potential is immense, down in the South-West, principally. I feel there would be no need for population control if we had the capacity to develop those lands."

"We hear this broken record 'if the government had the right policy, if the government had the right policy.' Without brag-

ging, I'm a veteran in the rural areas — I started working way back, before the revolution — and at that time the World Bank and the United States aid agency, USAID, were saying that if the Ethiopian government did not bring about a structural change in the feudal land tenure system there was no sense in investing in this country in the agricultural sector."

"Then Bingo, the revolution came. The first thing it did was to introduce a land reform completely abolishing the landlord-tenant relationship, giving security of tenure to the tiller. So you cannot come and say now that the government's policy is wrong, structurally speaking. What else would you have done?"

"We also hear that we pay the farmers too little, there's no incentive, and so on and so forth. And I admit there's room for improvement. But I think that the problem is over-exaggerated. I don't believe that the low level of production is simply because of a lack of incentive in the price mechanism."

So does Kebede mean to say that if the farmers were paid more they wouldn't produce more goods?

"They would, but it wouldn't make a miraculous difference. It's not the sole cause of the stagnancy of production. Ethiopia in the 1930s, where the agricultural sector was milked to build up industry, our policy, so far, has not been that rigorous. The margin that we're talking about is in the region of Birr 5-10. US\$2.5-5 per quintal (100 kg). Let's assume that this was allowed and that margin was gained. I wonder how much production would be boosted?"

Kebede suspected that there would be little change. "If you want to see an increase in production, the more fundamental issue to address is lack of resources."

Kebede had raised the question of tenure. But how secure really is a farmer in post-revolutionary Ethiopia? Some say the farmers are frequently moved from plot to plot, weakening their commitment to the land.

"That's a very interesting issue. Here we are on the 13th year after our revolution and not more than 1.5% of the total peasantry is working under a

Ethiopia: back on the brink

The world's media are back in Ethiopia, just three years after the last famine, to watch 5 million people suffer from starvation. What brought

them back so soon? Tamerat Kebede, head of the international section of the Ethiopian government's relief and rehabilitation commission explains.

co-operative system. At the maximum. And the rest are private holdings."

But cannot farmers be shifted by the Peasants Associations, which were established by the government to manage villages?

"No. I mean, within that collectivised 1.5%, yes. But the rest no."

So the rest really have true, fixed tenure of their own plot?

"Yes."

But the image in the West is quite different from that. "I know. It's deliberately being blown up, in my opinion, for political reasons. Don't get me wrong. I'm not an apologist for some of the fundamental misgivings that others have and I have as an individual on certain policies, but because of that, I won't go out and exaggerate the situation."

Aid

"Collectivisation is a very, very slow process in Ethiopia. Even this 1.5% — it's claimed it's collectivisation, but it isn't in some senses. They organise themselves in a producer's co-operative, they try it for a couple of years, they may decide on their own not to continue, there's no government pressure to make them continue. So the figure of the number of producers' co-operatives goes up and down like a yo-yo. I'm giving you the peak period. For all I know it's 1% now."

Ethiopia receives very little long-term development aid from the West or from the USSR — some US\$2 per head per year, compared with \$20 in neighbouring Sudan and \$35 in Somalia. Is that an obstacle to development?

"One cannot establish a direct relationship — one can't say that this is THE variable that is causing this crisis — though obviously if we had been assisted in our modest efforts, with our limited

resource, to seek long-term solutions, I don't think we'd have been in the position we're in, such a short period after the last drought."

But here we're talking only about Western aid. Ethiopia has a strongly pro-Soviet government. Does the country get any development aid from

the USSR of any substance? "It's not that substantial. We do get some, particularly in the health sector. There are also irrigation schemes in which the USSR is assisting, one of them is a very extensive irrigation project in Jubbabor (in the West) near Gambela. But that's a very long-term project; the

study itself has taken a couple of years."

Lack of aid hindered the resettlement programme, Kebede said.

Politics

"Politics affects everything. In my opinion resettlement was a very viable solution to a situation where you have on the one hand over-populated, exhausted land that just cannot sustain the numbers of people living on it; and on the other you have a fertile, untouched, vast land (in the South-West) with irrigation potential, and reliable soils and climate. But we tried to resettle people from this populous area to this potentially promising area, and no one wanted to help. Very few non-governmental organisations (NGOs) were involved. Resettlement needed to be backed by assistance to set up the necessary social services and so on; with aid, I think we could have tackled correctly a good portion of this cyclical problem in the North."

Kebede was the head of the settlement department. What major difficulties did he suffer then in terms of lack of aid?

"Basically lack of resources. Here is something that really fascinates me. When we had a number of people at point 'A' we were allowed to give them grain assistance from 'Y' NGO. But by the time we had moved them to point 'B' we were told that the grain cannot be used to assist those same people, because now it has become 'development', and the grain has not come for development. This kind of logic beats me."

This was an NGO argument? "Yes, a number of NGOs and governments for that matter, and the European Economic Community (EEC). Our argument was that this grain has come to save the lives of these people — and if it is desig-

ned to save their lives at point 'A', why cannot it be used to save the same lives at point 'B'?

Could Kebede give an example?

"We had a lot of problems with the EEC grain."

The EEC was providing a lot of grain in elo, for example, but refusing to send it to the resettlement area?

"Yes. And you can't blame the NGOs; if an NGO gets grain from EEC or USAID, it's not so much the NGO's decision, it's tied. So maybe it's unfair of me to blame the NGOs. But we had the problem nevertheless. We were not allowed to use the grain."

There were also problems with the resources devoted to resettlement. How much was Kebede able to invest in each family arriving?

"It's very hard to come up with a definite figure, because there were a lot of institutions participating, like public health — whose standard budget was mobilised for it — and the ministries of construction and agriculture, and the RRC — but I would say of the order of Birr 2,500-3,000 per household. About US\$1,500 per family."

Whereas Kurt Jansson, who headed the UN relief co-ordination in the last famine, estimated that some \$5,000 was needed over five years to effectively resettle a group to the point of self-reliance.

"And my calculation is just for the first year, including movement," said Kebede.

Is the government able to put in any continuing assistance to the resettled families now?

"We are doing that. But 600,000 is no small number of people to look after."

Kebede expects more resettlement, "but not of the same magnitude. There may be 20,000 this year."

Supposing the RRC were to find aid for the resettled areas, what would be needed, what would the commission ask for?

"Finance for the purchase of oxen; seeds; fertilisers; hand tools; pumps for small-scale irrigation."

"More aid could also be used in the northern areas to rehabilitate the land. Massive afforestation programmes, terracing programmes..."

But aren't such programmes already underway? Are they suffering from a lack of resources?

"Yes. Most of them are done by paying for work by providing food and if peasants were to get sufficient food, even this programme would not be viable any more, as the farmer will not go out and do terracing just for an extra kilo of grain. The food-for-work programme is succeeding only because there is such a severe lack of production. If the peasants reach subsistence, we will have to move into cash or something more attractive and worth their time, in comparison with spending it on their own plot."

A lot of the present problems are in Tigray and Eritrea... How will the military situation affect the distribution of aid? Is there going to be some tacit agreement between the sides?

"Not directly. Especially after what happened recently when the rebels attacked a food convoy — and burned the grain. I wish they'd at least looted the grain and given it to the people. To burn grain... who would negotiate with people who'd carry out this kind of irrational activity? But again, I'm optimistic that they've been condemned enough by the international community, that it has back-fired on them, and they're not likely to repeat this thing. Already, when I was about to leave, the cycle of trucking had begun. But even given an ideal security situation, given the limitation of time and the huge amounts of grain we have to pre-position in the North, we have to have more air support."

How quickly does the RRC need that air support?

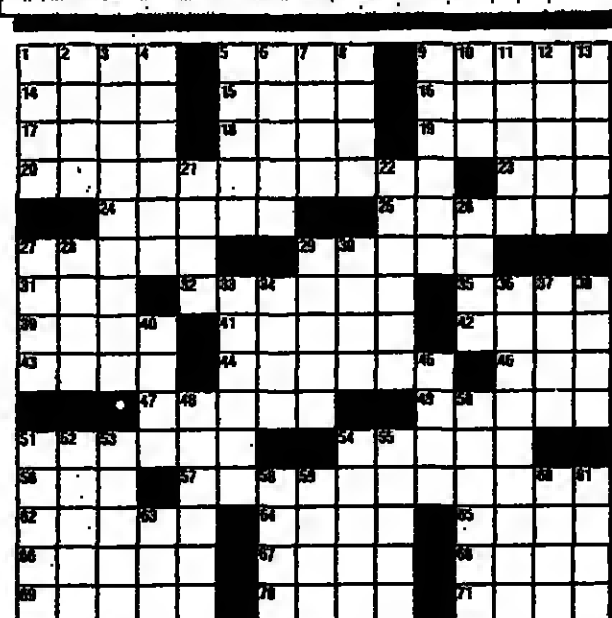
"Right away. Right away." In the next few weeks or months, what are the critical points when we will know whether the right amount of food is coming?

"It's the pledges. The scheduled pledges. From donors, governments and multigovernment institutions and UN agencies. The main contributors, aside from bilateral agreements with Australia, Canada and the US, are the EEC, the World Food Programme (WFP), UNICEF, and I'm hoping we should soon know where we stand with respect to commitments from these bodies. The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is another important contributor."

"It's the pledges we're waiting for."

Passes Features

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Isle of song
 - 5 Put two and two together
 - 9 A Strasberg
 - 14 — Bator
 - 15 For a fact
 - 16 Actress Verdugo
 - 17 The better part
 - 18 Stadium feature
 - 19 They make up a score
 - 20 Make a big showing
 - 23 Use a shuttle
 - 24 Horse's sound
 - 25 Weapons repository
 - 27 Train metal disk
 - 28 — time (often)
 - 31 — the ramparts we...
 - 32 Cease
 - 35 Questionable sightings, for short
 - 39 Certain axam
 - 41 Diva Lehmann
 - 42 Eat in style
 - 43 "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" author
 - 44 Quegmir
 - 46 Way to go: Abbr.
 - 47 Put in order
 - 49 Urban problem
 - 51 Geraldine of opera fame
 - 54 Bird of white plumage
 - 56 Souf, in Paris
 - 57 Apple polisher
 - 62 Bast fiber
 - 64 Opera's Ponselle
 - 65 House leave collector
 - 66 "The Tempest" role
 - 67 Not up yet
 - 68 Forever and a day
 - 69 Historians'
- DOWN**
- 1 — into (meet)
 - 2 Baseball's Matty
 - 3 Breaker of a camel's back
 - 4 Harmonious
 - 5 Perfume
 - 6 Word before wood
 - 7 Author Alice — Miller
 - 8 Plant fluid
 - 9 Comb. form
 - 10 Gate guard
 - 11 Gums: Comb. form
 - 12 Hassle
 - 13 Not afar
 - 14 Spiteful
 - 15 "On Golden —"
 - 16 City on the —
 - 17 Loira River
 - 18 Queen — Land
 - 19 Antarctica
 - 20 A. A. Milne's toy bear
 - 21 Of aircraft
 - 22 Headress for a British bishop
 - 23 Nora's pooch
 - 24 Mark Twain lived here
 - 25 In a bit
 - 26 Locals of a newspaper's nameplate
 - 27 Knows the facts, with "is"
 - 28 Witnessed
 - 29 Reagan's father
 - 30 Post Teasdale
 - 31 Designers' logos
 - 32 Sometime legislative act
 - 33 Unit of electricity
 - 34 Lucine of the opera
 - 35 Pay the bills
 - 36 Steel city of the Ruhr
 - 37 Pleasant place for a picnic
 - 38 Rugged rocky eminence
 - 39 Osaka Bay port
 - 40 Tied
 - 41 Musical symbol
 - 42 Shoe width

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
DEFENSIVE LEGERDEMAIN

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

♠ Q 10 8 6 5 4
♥ A Q
♦ A
♣ Q 9 6 3

WEST

♠ A J
♥ 2
♦ 10 8 7 6 5 2
♣ J 8 7 2

EAST

♠ K 7 3
♥ 10 9 7 5
♦ J 9 4
♣ A 5 4

SOUTH

♠ 9 2
♥ K J 8 6 4 3
♦ K Q 3
♣ K 10

The bidding:

	South	West	North	East
1	♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2	♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
Pass				

Opening lead: Two of ♠

We firmly believe that good defense is the most difficult aspect of bridge, because each defender can see only half his side's assets. Therefore, we take particular pleasure in offering you this defensive tour de force.

South's simple rebid of his own suit showed a minimum opening bid and at least a six-card suit. With a confirmed eight-card fit, North

wasted no time in telling his partner that he had the values for game.

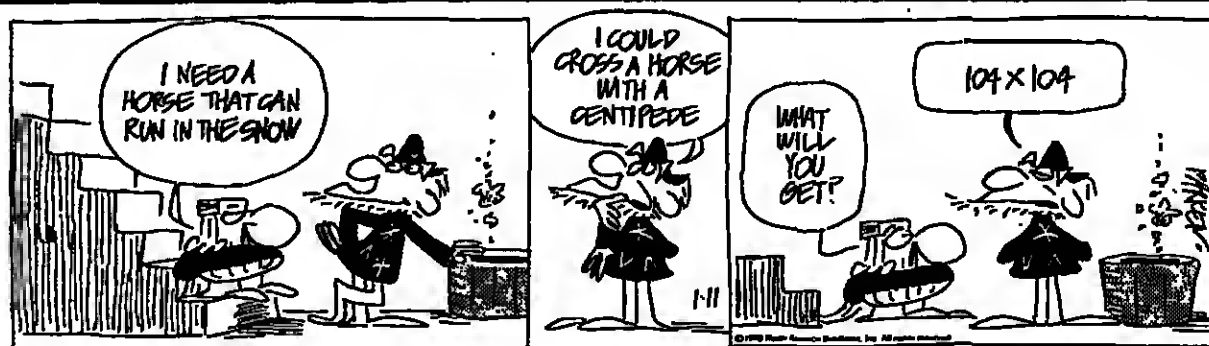
It was obvious that a minor-suit lead was called for, and West got his side off to an excellent start when he selected a club rather than a diamond for his opening salvo. East rose with the ace, and since a club continuation would set up two club tricks for declarer even if West held the king, East elected to shift, and the only suit that offered any promise was spades.

West rose with the ace of spades and returned the jack. Declarer made a fine play from dummy when he decided not to cover—he was quite happy to have West on lead, for it was unlikely that any continuation from West could harm him. But East was a step ahead of declarer. By simply covering the jack, declarer could have set up the table's suit for discards. Since he failed to do so, he could have no fast losers in the remaining side suits. So East overtook the jack with his king and led a third spade.

Declarer had no reason to suspect a 4-1 trump distribution. Not surprisingly, he chose to ruff with a trump honor. That set up a trump trick in the East hand for down one.

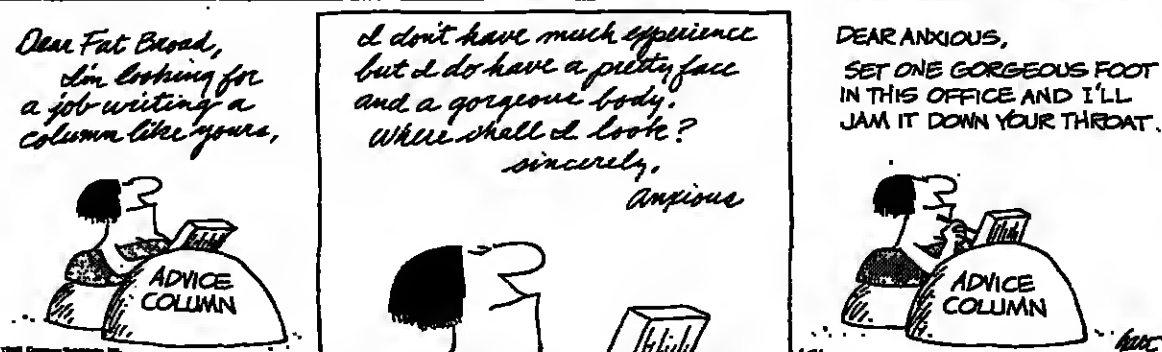
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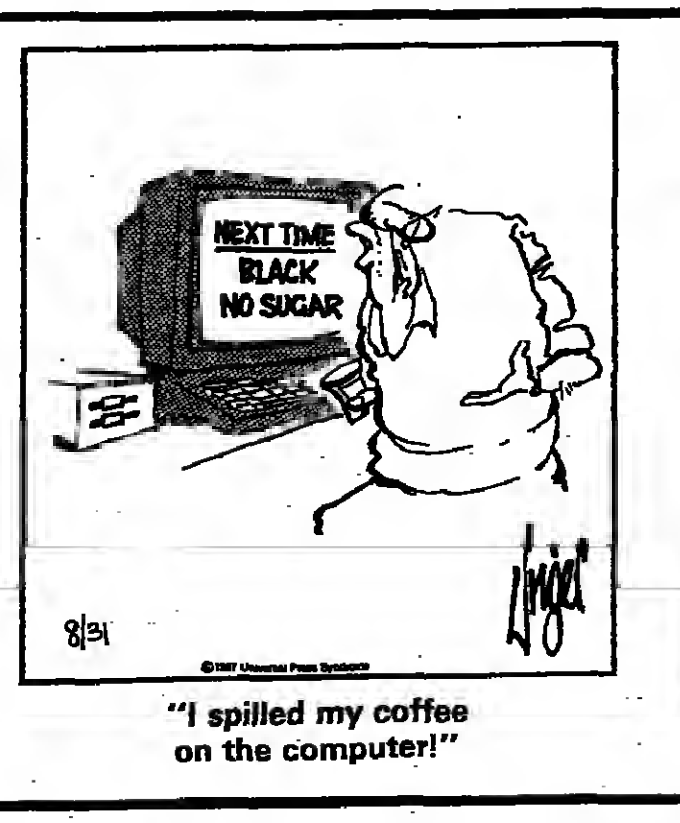
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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
- You will be rather too easily impressed and persuaded. You should not allow yourself to be intimidated. A temptation to spend recklessly should be resisted at all costs. Be forgiving.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
- You will be in the frame of mind needed to tackle something complicated. Your partner will be more favourable disposed towards you. You should keep your wits very much about you. Be tactful.
- Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**
- You are liable to see too many trees and too little of the wood. Do not wait for a good opportunity, now is the best time. You should not pay too much attention to your intuitions. Be flexible.
- Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)**
- You should not place any reliance on guesswork. Do not let yourself be tempted to spend more than you can afford. An important matter should be dealt with now rather than delayed until something "turns up". Be sensible.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
- The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to make good progress. You should not try to do too many things all at once. Make sure your partner does not disagree with what you are doing.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**
- You will have to beware of spending more than you can afford. You should beware of doing anything silly. Have the courage of your convictions. Be alert.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**
- You will be able to overcome some doubts. Now is a good time to make a decision which cannot be long delayed. All kinds of jealousies and rivalries are to be avoided. Be fair.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**
- You will be rather excitable and should try to keep away from controversy. A personal matter will be more easily dealt with. Make sure you do not do anything that might be injurious to your health.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
- You will not be in the best of moods, nor will you feel at your best. Try to leave yourself with enough room for manoeuvre. Keep out of the way of controversy. Be reasonable.
- Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**
- Do not take longer to deal with a secondary matter than you really have time for it. The more commonsense you can bring to bear on the matter, the better. You should not neglect a personal affair.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**
- You should not rely too much on first impressions. You are liable to be misunderstood, so make sure you make yourself clear. You should not try to ingratiate yourself. Be selective.
- Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**
- Leave yourself with enough time to deal with traffic delays. You should be a little more patient with others. Do not expect everyone to come rushing to your assistance. Be moderate.



"I spilled my coffee on the computer!"

JUNIOR TIMES

Dear Junior Readers,

There are many people we see everyday who help make our lives more comfortable, yet we often forget to express our appreciation to these people.

Of course, we always remember to say "thank you" to our parents when they help us. But look around you and think of the other people who help you daily.

Perhaps you have someone who helps your family in your home. Do you say "thank you" when they bring you your tea or launder your clothes? When you get on the bus for school, do you greet the driver and thank him for his safe driving?

At school, as you go through the gate, there is often someone there who looks after your safety. Do you notice him? And your classroom is a pleasant place to be because someone carefully cleans it for you. Do you express appreciation to these people. Your teachers devote much of their time and energy in preparing your studies. They deserve your gratitude, too.

It takes less than two seconds to say "thank you", but the good feeling it gives the other person and you lasts much, much longer.

Aunt Barbara

Indian School, Mangaf, students visit Arab Times



FIFTY-THREE students from the Indian School, Mangaf, visited the Arab Times offices in Shuwaikh on Sunday. The Sixth Standard students from Sections A and B and two of their teachers were given a tour of the editorial, teleprinting, typesetting, paste-up and printing sections of the newspaper. The students were eager to make use of their experiences and said they would be writing about their visit for their school magazine.



Mr Badger to the rescue

ONCE upon a Monday morning, When the sun was rising red, Little Mousies awakened, startled, Sat up suddenly in bed!

"What a noise!" said Sister Tilly, "Let us take a look outside!" Out they scrambled, to the window: "Well!" they said: and "Oo!" they cried.

There, below them, throughout the woodland, Came a circus, out of town! Scarlet-collared geese for horses, At the fore, a Monkey-Clown!

Birds and hunnies, woodland mousies Gazed and gazed with sparkling eyes, Clapping, running, most excited At this wonderful surprise!

Eager Mousies looked for money — They must pay to see the show. ...Bag and money-box were empty, Pockets too! They couldn't go!

Tilly wept and Tommy sniffled, Tiny Timmy wiped his eye: And, when Monkey-Clown came knocking, Woeful Mousies breathed a sigh.

Told him that they had no money, Showed him empty pockets too: Monkey-Clown said "Why not earn it?" And they wondered what to do.

So they went to Mr Squirrel, Asked if he could see a way: "Why not fetch the woodland washing? Woodland folk will gladly pay!"

Off they went with Tiny's barrow Straight to Mrs Porky Pry. Tommy knocked, but Mrs Porky Chased him off without reply!

Down the lane ran sorry

Mousies, Reached the fence of Mrs Hare: Wondered, was she in the garden? Looked to see if she was there.

Mrs Hare was pulling turnips, Digging carrots with her fork: Mousies thought she might be working Much too hard to stop and talk.

Rather timidly they called her: Mrs Hare obeyed the call, Listened kindly: then she answered, "But your barrow is so small!"

Sorrowfully Mousies left her: Now they'd never see the show! Never get inside the circus! Every one had answered "No!"

Then they saw the sign-

post pointing Up to Mr Badger's house. "Shall we try him, Tom?" said Tilly, "Do you think he'd help a mouse?"

"Oh, we might as well!" said Tommy, "For it isn't far to go." So they went to Mr Badger, Told him all about the show.

"Why, of course!" said Mr Badger, "Come with me, I'll put you right!" When they got two extra barrows, Mousies twittered with delight.

Off they hurried for the washing, By the tents, and Monkey-Clown; Off to Mrs Bunny's cottage, Right across the Woodland Town!

Here they found the washing flapping, Nearly ready, in the breeze. Mrs Bunny had her clothes line Tied across between the trees.

Soon she had it piled in baskets, Packed each barrow with its load, And, at last, the eager Mousies All were ready for the road.

But, before she let them leave her, Mrs Bunny said "Take care! For the road is very bumpy: When you reach the bridge, beware!"

Up the hill and down the hollow, To the bridge across the stream! Tilly, leading, struck a boulder!

Over went poor Tilly's

barrow! Over went poor Tilly, too! Over went the washing basket, To the river down below!

Frog held up his hands in horror! Tommy's harrow ran away — Tommy tried to miss poor Tilly, But 'twas their unlucky day!

Tommy down and Tilly injured! Everything was going wrong! Meanwhile, what about the washing, Sailing merrily along?

Mr Frog had seen their trouble, Seen the washing basket go, Went and told the tale to Badger, Fishing down the stream below.

Mr Badger hadn't seen them, For the bridge was out

of sight: So he packed his things and hurried — He could help them in their plight!

As he crossed the bridge he saw them, Sad of face upon the brink, Trying hard to reach the basket: Called out "Stop, you'll make it sink!"

Tilly heard him, waved and shouted: Badger hastened to their aid: Waded in and got the basket, Safe, but soaking, I'm afraid.

When they saw the dripping washing, Mousies stared in great dismay: Mr Badger packed it for them, Wheeled the barrow all the way.

"Ob dear, what will Mrs Hare say?" Mousies said as they drew near. Mrs Hare was very troubled, said "Ob dear, oh dear, OH DEAR!"

Though the washing soon was mangled, Soon put out once more to dry, Yet the Mousies still had nothing, And they all began to cry.

Mr Badger wiped his glasses, Said "Well! Well! Just as I feared! Never mind, my dears, I'll take you!" How the Mousies clapped and cheered!

Off they hurried to the circus, Mr Badger paid the clown. And, inside, some seats were empty, At the front. They all sat down.

How they clapped the clever sea-lion, With the ball upon his nose! How they cheered and laughed and chattered At this glorious show of shows!

Happy, happy little Mousies, With their more than happy friend. Glad that he had brought their troubles To this very happy END.

Search for a winner

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

ACTION	CLOSE	FURLONG	LOSE
ANIMAL	CROWD	GROOM	MONEY
BOOKIE	CURB	HARNESS	NOSE
BREEDING	DOMESTIC	HORSE	ODDS
CEDE	EXCITING	JOCKEY	PLACE
CLASS	FAN	LINE	SHOW
CLOCK			WIN

C N F U R L O N G C F C F
V U O Q K I A Y W O E A E
A L R Z P B C J A S N D B
M X U B D H T X D N I D E
W K W W L C I D V P L G A
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N R I B Y C K C J C K X A
E J E K D W F C L H A E S
Y E S R O H L N O S E L S
S F D H A O W B M J R O P
Y I S C C X B V Q N U S T
T G H K D O M E S T I C P



The truth at last?

HAVING picked out the Doppel Gang members, Annie and the Professor went to the Police Chief. This time he DID believe her — the Professor made sure of it.

Then things started happening very quickly. Almost before she knew it, Annie was setting off once more for the buried chamber. This time she was on official police business which meant she travelled by camel.

Annie found camel riding rather tricky. She was trying hard to balance when she noticed her hand — the one she had scratched in her struggle with the thief. It was marked with blue pen.

At the same time, the uncomfortable rolling movement of the camel jolted her brain into action. At last, all the clues slotted into place. She knew for sure that she had been right all along.

Then Annie caught sight of two figures at the entrance to the chamber. "The crooks! They've escaped," police struggled with the crooks. Only when they were handcuffed was Annie's voice heard.

"They're not the ones. The thief and his accomplice are still in the chamber. I know who did it and I know why."

Reluctantly, the Police Chief listened to Annie's protests. He dismounted his camel rather clumsily and shuffled towards the

The curse of the lost idol

hole in the ground. From the bottom of the shaft came the noise of desperate, muffled whispers.

By this time it was completely light and the wind was starting to blow. In the distance, Annie saw an ominous sandy cloud. Another sandstorm?

All of sudden a vicious gust of wind blew. Annie to the ground. As she struggled to her feet, she screamed in horror.

"LOOKOUT!" she yelled to the Police Chief.

The big boulder that Annie had been unable to budge was rolling towards the Police Chief. He threw himself clear only just in

time. A split second later it would have squashed him flat.

Annie watched in disbelief. The boulder had stopped, lodged in the hole leading down to the chamber. The entrance to the chamber was sealed and the crooks were trapped inside.

But that boulder weighs tons," Annie thought aloud. "It's impossible. How did it happen? Was it the wind ...?"

"Or the CURSE," said the Professor seriously. "The ancient gods have taken their revenge."

Everyone turned and stared at the Professor in

stunned silence. Was it true? Was it really the ancient curse punishing the thief? Annie did not want to believe it, but there seemed to be no other explanation.

Afterwards, when Annie's adventure in Egypt was over, there was still one other thing that puzzled her. Who was the little person with the outsize moustache? Do you know?

It's Eric. He disguised himself and was not named on the passenger list to assist the Professor and to do some snooping in case of a theft.

Answers

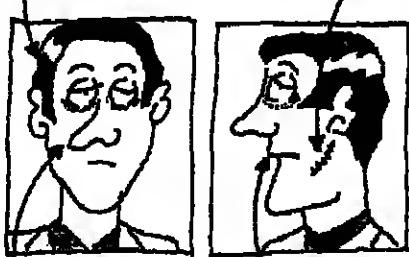
The two crooks are John Smith, disguised as Luigi Macaroni and Gloria Goldfinger, disguised as Devilla de Visp.

Ahmed Ablunda must have thought that Annie was Doris Dane-Jurass in disguise (see page 70). In fact they are quite different.

He has dyed his brown hair black.

Scar on left cheek.

Button nose.



Shape of nose is distinctive and hard to disguise.

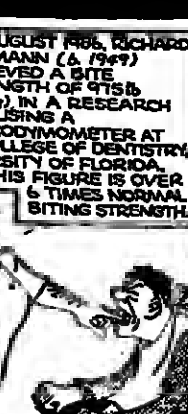
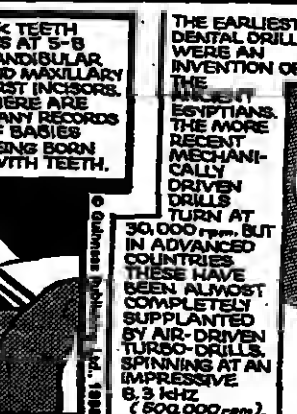
No moustache usually. He has grown one as a disguise.

Same gold earrings and necklace.

She has changed her hair colour, but it is the same style and length.

The thief is Sam Scoop, who will do anything for a story, and his accomplice is Harriet Flash alias 'Harry.'

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The last drop

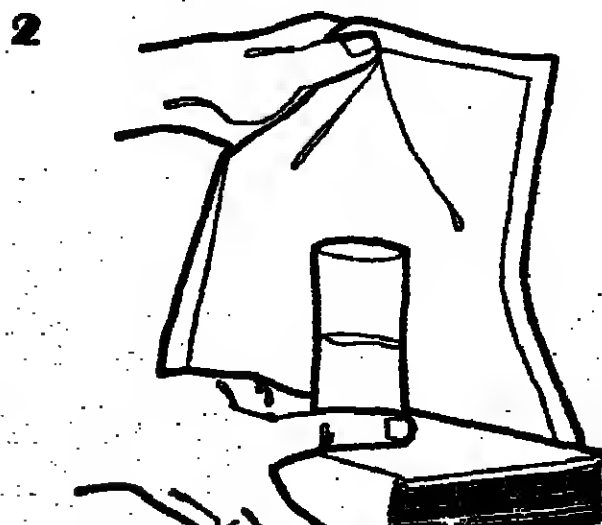
The illusion:

You place a glass on a book, fill it half full of water, cover it with a napkin, and ask a woman to lift it. She does so easily. You add one more drop of water and ask her to lift it again. This time, however, she'll find it utterly impossible to lift the glass!

The trick:

The book will be your tray. Hold it with your thumb on top, and your last three fingers underneath, supporting the weight of the book. Keep your index finger free but out of sight. Place the glass on the book so that it sets fairly close to your thumb (1). Pour in some water and then cover the glass with a napkin or handkerchief. When

your friend grips the glass through the cloth she will be able to lift the glass with ease. Remove the handkerchief and add just one more drop of liquid. As you cover the glass this time bring your index finger out from under the book so you can grip the glass between your index finger and thumb (2). Now when your friend tries to lift the glass you can very easily keep her from doing so. Before you remove the handkerchief you merely put your finger back under the book. It may not be scientific, but that's the magician's version of heavy water!



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nigeria sticks to Opec pact

World oil prices will rebound to around \$18: Otaiba

ABU DHABI, Feb. 1, (Agencies): An Opec minister today predicted world oil prices will rebound to around \$18 a barrel within a week or two "due to a dramatic drop in the organisation's output."

United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mansour bin Otaiba told a visiting Japanese delegation Opec's overall production at present was between 16 and 16.5 million barrels a day against over 19 million bpd during the period between July and November.

"Opec's adherence to their output quota levels has forced world oil companies to draw between three to four million bpd from their inventories that they have accumulated during the summer period," Otaiba said.

He said that shortage in supplies would push back prices to

their official levels at around \$18 a barrel.

"We will reach this level (\$18) very soon... perhaps within a week or two despite the wishes of all parties which want a market collapse," Otaiba said in a statement distributed by the official Emirates News Agency.

Surplus
Otaiba said the stock drawdown "will mop up all the surplus quantities of oil in the market by the end of February."

At their last meeting in Vienna, Dec 15, Opec's 13 oil ministers agreed on an output ceiling of 15.06 million bpd to all members, except Iraq, to defend official prices at \$18 a barrel.

But the agreement then failed to impress a heavily glutted market and world oil prices plummeted by as much as \$5 a

barrel before steadying at \$15-16 a barrel range.

Otaiba said the UAE and Opec were "determined" to defend \$18 official price and were "sincere" in their adherence to Opec's resolutions.

The UAE minister accused unnamed international oil companies of employing "psychological" tactics, including "the spreading of rumours" to press Opec into lowering official prices.

Otaiba was quoted by the agency as saying "certain" companies have started to cut down on their contractual volumes as part of the ongoing pressure to lower official prices.

A leading Abu Dhabi chamber official has praised the flourishing trade and economic ties between the UAE and Japan

especially in the oil sector.

Saeed Ahmed Otaiba, president of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, made the remarks during official talks here today with the visiting Japanese delegation led by Yasutoshi Morase, general manager of the Abu Dhabi Oil Company Limited—Japan (Adoc).

Otaiba, who is also chairman of the UAE Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, said that Japanese technological industries had lucrative markets in the UAE.

Strides
He also said trade cooperation between the two countries had taken "great strides" noting that Japan has effectively contributed to the infrastructural projects executed or under construction in the country.

He called for the establishment of joint ventures in free trade zones in the emirates.

Meanwhile, Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman denied reports that his country will sell its crude oil for less than the Opec reference price of \$18 per barrel.

Basis
Lukman, who made the remarks on Lagos television last night, was reacting to agency reports from the US spot market last week that Nigeria indicated a willingness to sell her oil on the so-called "netback basis."

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided to discard the discount netback system on Feb. 1, 1987, and return to a fixed-price system.

Nigeria on that date informed

all oil companies that it would no longer sell its oil on a netback basis, saying that a reference price of \$18 a barrel would apply.

According to the TV report, the Nigerian report on the American spot market led to a drop last Thursday of crude oil prices to \$16.50 a barrel.

Lukman was also quoted by Lagos TV as saying that Opec countries were presently underselling their respective quotas by about 2 million barrels a day due to price resistance.

In the meantime, Indonesian Minister of Mines and Energy Dr. Subroto said in Jakarta that in the next 100 days an oil price of \$18 a barrel could be maintained as Opec member countries were honouring their agreement on production and prices reached last December.

Export boom to help growth

American economy seen slowing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, (Reuters): The US economy is showing signs of a slowing significantly in the first part of the year, but government officials and some economists are looking to an export boom to help sustain a moderate level of growth.

Commerce Department Undersecretary Robert Ortner said that a buildup of inventories in the fourth quarter of 1987 due to a slowdown in consumer spending is likely to slow economic growth in the early part of the year.

But he said that rising US exports, an expected increase in business investments and a modest rise in consumer spending should help economic growth for the year as a whole.

Growth
"I think prospects are quite decent for some moderate growth," Ortner told Reuters. "Chances are that growth will be slower in 1988 than it was in 1987."

The government announced last week that the US economy grew at a robust 4.2 per cent annual rate during the last three months of 1987, bringing the growth rate from fourth quarter 1987 to fourth quarter 1988 to 3.8 per cent.

Much of the fourth quarter growth was due to a buildup in inventories of unsold goods that may drag on expansion this year. Despite the current signs of slowdown, most economists as well as the administration, do not foresee a recession this year. They see a moderate level of expansion.

The administration economic

forecast sees a 2.4 per cent level of growth in the gross national product in 1988.

Republicans are anxious to keep the current economic expansion, now in its sixth year, going through the elections. It is the longest peace time economic expansion in US history and that would give the Republicans something to point to in their fight to keep control of the White House away from the Democrats.

For that reason the financial markets believe the Federal Reserve will ease credit policy to give the US economy a boost as the country heads for the November elections.

But many economists say the Fed is inclined to do little to push interest rates lower.

"I really don't understand the hypothesis that the Fed is sitting over there thinking seriously about easing money right now," said Mortgage Bankers Association economist Lyle Gramley, a former Federal Reserve governor.

Recession

"Those people surely are not going to be so antsy about making sure that we don't have a recession that one or two statistics that look a little weak they are going to ease money," Gramley told Reuters.

Gramley said he sees the US economy growing by a slow 1.5 to 2 per cent annual rate in the first half and then picking up to 2.5 to 3 per cent in the second half to bring the growth rate to around 2.25 per cent for the entire year.

Although most economists

believe US economic growth will continue, albeit at a lower level than last year, some believe a business recession may already be here.

"The recession has already started," said Michael Evans of Evans Economics. He said US unemployment is starting to rise and a government report on the January employment rate "will be a real eye opener."

The unemployment rate in December was 5.8 per cent the lowest level since July 1979 when it was 5.7 per cent.

Increase

Federal Reserve Board Governor Robert Heller told a world economic forum in Switzerland last week that he sees the US economy growing in 1988 by more than two per cent above the inflation rate. But he acknowledged the quarterly growth pattern will be uneven.

Heller said about half of the impetus for continued US economic expansion in 1988 would come from higher US exports due to the competitive benefits of a devalued US dollar.

"We must shift resources from the domestic sector to the international sector, and our domestic growth will have to be somewhat subdued to free those resources for international sector expansion," Heller said.

Donald Ratajczak, director of economic forecasting at Georgia State University, said an increase in US exports alone will not be enough to sustain US economic growth. Business investment will also be needed, he said.

He said he believes US manufacturers are encouraged by

growth prospects and will increase capital spending this year, which along with exports should offset a slower rise in consumer spending.

Ratajczak said there is a question of how long the current rise in US exports can be sustained.

"We are taking some activity away from the importers and what does that do to the export countries," he said. Slower growth abroad in the end could limit US export prospects.

EEC ministers make final bid for summit cash accord

BRUSSELS, Feb. 1, (Reuters): European Economic Community foreign ministers meet tomorrow in a final effort to remove some of the obstacles confronting next week's summit on the EEC's financial crisis.

Heads of government of the 12 member states are due in Brussels on February 11-12 and hope to tie up an agreement raising more money for the bloc and reducing the share which goes to support its farmers.

But most of the issues which

prevented a settlement at their December summit in Copenhagen are still unresolved, particularly a row between Britain and West Germany over how much to cut back spending on agriculture.

Both Britain and the Netherlands continue to insist that until tough "stabilisers" are agreed to penalise over-production by farmers, there can be no increase in resources and no extra spending on the EEC's less-developed areas.

World Business Summary

Poland devalues currency

WARSAW, Feb. 1, (Reuters): Poland has devalued the zloty by 15.8 per cent against the US dollar, according to new exchange rates published in the official press today. The official rate listed in the government newspaper Rzeczpospolita and the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu was 380 zloties to the dollar against 319.96 zloties on Friday. The rates appeared in a weekly list published by the two newspapers under the authorisation of National Bank president Wladyslaw Baka. However the official news agency PAP did not make its usual devaluation announcement over the weekend and spokesmen for the bank were not immediately available for comment. The devaluation coincided with government-imposed price rises of 27 per cent for essential goods and services, including a 40-per-cent increase for food and 60 per cent on petrol.

The last announced devaluation of the zloty on February 1, 1987, reduced its value by 19.5 per cent to a rate of 240 zloties to the dollar. Since then the Polish currency has been allowed to float, falling weekly by two or three per cent.

Brazilian inflation hits 16.5 pc

SAO PAULO, Feb. 1, (Reuters): Brazil's monthly inflation rate — a key indicator of a country's political as well as economic well-being — rose to 16.51 per cent in January in its sharpest rise since June of last year, the government said.

The Geography and Statistics Institute (IBGE) said yesterday that the consumer price index had risen by a hefty 364.7 per cent over the past 12 months. Inflation is among Brazil's most major political issues and political analysts say the inflation rate over the next few months could determine how long President Jose Sarney stays in office. The Constituent Assembly in Brasilia is currently debating a new constitution and the question of how long a mandate Sarney should be given, four years or five, is one of the most hotly-debated issues. Political analysts said Sarney, who came to power in March 1985, had an even chance of achieving his wish to a five-year term. But they added that his chances could fade if inflation kept worsening.

Last September monthly inflation was a far tamer 5.68 per cent. But it rose steadily, reaching 9.18 per cent in October, 12.84 per cent in November and 14.44 per cent in December.

Brazil's peak monthly inflation rate of 26 per cent was recorded in June of last year. January's figures were the first to be published since Sarney appointed Malteza Nobrega as finance minister. Nobrega's two predecessors, Dilson Funaro and Luiz Carlos Bresser Pereira, had both tried to contain inflation by price freezes. Nobrega is seeking to control prices by an informal pact with industry and commerce.

Gulf aluminium industry set for major expansion

BAHRAIN, Feb. 1, (Reuters): Gulf aluminium producers believe cheap energy supplies may be the key that will turn the region into a major force in the world's aluminium industry.

After a year of record Gulf production, plans for a major expansion in smelting capacity are to go ahead in spite of a recession caused by declining government oil revenues.

One of two Gulf smelters is preparing to boost capacity 25 per cent, construction of a third smelter is scheduled to begin in July and plans for a fourth are being studied.

"We're working on the basis of vast closures in the United States," said one industry consultant. "Everyone has agreed that a third smelter in the Gulf — and maybe a fourth — is possible."

Gudvin Tofte, chief executive of Aluminium Bahrain (Alba) says the price at which he can sell aluminium has nearly doubled over a year to \$1,900 a tonne.

Prices

"Right now, there are no signs prices will fall," he told Reuters in an interview.

The Gulf's main advantage is its huge fields of natural gas, which have made power costs for local producers cheaper than those for most producers elsewhere in the world, according to officials in the energy-intensive industry.

Canada's aluminium industry can rely on vast resources of cheap hydro-electric power, but US producers, who account for a big share of the 13 to 15 million tonnes of annual world production, have been hit by rising energy costs.

One local industry source believes up to 11 US smelters will have to close in the near future, and Gulf producers with cheaper energy can take their place.

The local industry has won an increasing share of the international market.

With no exploitable ore deposits, raw material comes mostly from Australia, and with a local market of only around 100,000 tonnes per year, exports go mainly to the Far East.

Output

Dubai Aluminium Company Ltd (Dubal) said its 1987 production of 155,876 tonnes was the highest since the plant opened in the late 1970s.

Alba, which started up in 1971, also reported a record 1987 output of 180,344 tonnes. Neither company has released profit figures.

Of the two new plants under consideration, the 240,000 tonne a year Umm Al Qaiwain Aluminium Company (Umalco) smelter in the UAE is further advanced.

Umalco officials say they hope to have all of 15 or 16 contracts to build the \$1.2-billion plant signed by May, and the three-year construction project should begin by July.

They say Chinese companies have agreed to lift a big share of its production for 12 years after the plant is finished.

The Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting (Goic), owned by the governments of seven countries in the region, says it will make a feasibility study for a fourth Gulf smelter during 1988.

Focus

Goic said the focus is on Qatar because of abundant gas reserves, although Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and Saudi Arabia are also in the running.

In the next few weeks, Alba will invite tenders for the first phase of an 80 million dinar (\$212 million) expansion and modernisation programme.

In the 45 million dinar (\$120 million) first phase, to begin in

mid-year for an end-of-1989 start-up, Alba will upgrade the power station to save energy.

The programme also calls for adding 76 reduction cells for a total 25,000 tonnes of increased capacity.

The 35 million dinar (\$93 million) second phase, to start in mid-1988, involves adding computer-controlled process technology and a gas collection system.

Capacity

When it is finished at the end of 1991, annual capacity will have risen another 20,000 tonnes.

Finance is now being put in place for the first phase. Present shareholders have agreed to increase equity by 7.5 million dinars (\$20 million) and the National Bank of Bahrain will lend Alba eight million dinars.

Tofte said Alba was considering various options, including export credits, to raise the balance of funds.

Sudan boosts its income

THE Sudanese government has substantially increased its revenues recently, recording a rise of 101 per cent, according to Sudan's Finance and Economic Planning Minister Dr Bashir Omer.

In a statement to a local daily, the minister said that import duties accounted for the bulk of the income increase.

He added, however, that the government is seeking to curb unnecessary expenses.

Omer noted that the government has restricted official trips abroad and would only approve commercially yielding missions.

The minister said strict measures have been introduced to stamp out smuggling.



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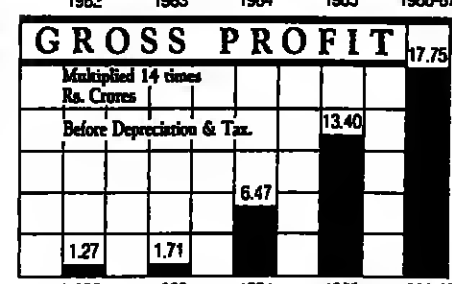
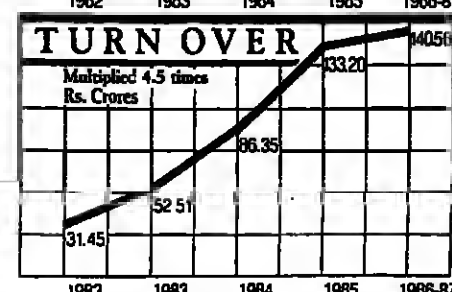
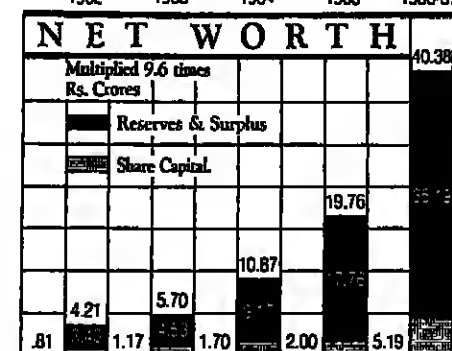
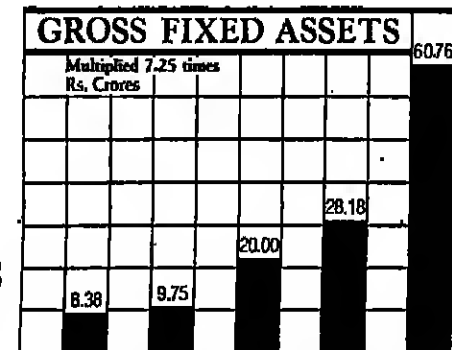
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World will escape a recession

Global economy fragile, say economists

DAVOS, Switzerland, Feb. 1. (Reuters): Economic policy-makers say the world will escape a recession and may be healthier after the turmoil on share and currency markets, but they are having a hard time convincing businessmen, or even all of their colleagues.

"In informal meetings here, I heard a lot of pessimism," David Mulford, assistant secretary of the US Treasury, said of the Davos world economic forum, which began on Thursday and ends on Wednesday. "But policies are moving in the right direction."

Confidence
"We are in a delicate process of confidence building," he added. "There is no substitute for patience, time and developing policies that are acceptable and politically possible in our countries."

But, another important economic figure, who did not want to be named, or even identified as a businessman or government official, said it differently. "I'm deeply pessimistic."

Interest rates and exchange rates cannot be maintained at current levels. Something's got to give," he said.

Officials of the major industrial democracies paint a picture, despite the recent upheavals on financial markets, of a global economy that will manage to escape a recession.

Healthier
The world might even find itself healthier, sobered after the excess enthusiasm of 1987, which saw stock markets soar before their resounding October crash, on their way to what was the longest period of sustained growth since World War Two.

The subject has dominated both the formal programme of this year's world economic forum in Davos and the informal talks in the corridors, where 1,000 top business and government personalities have gathered for the symposium.

Senior officials from the United States, Japan and West Germany — the three biggest industrial powerhouses — all pleaded for time. Curing massive

imbalances in their trade and payments was not an easy task, they said.

And there, many businessmen and bankers and some economic policy-makers believe, is the problem. Time, they say, is running out.

Expansion
The world has already witnessed five full years of steady economic expansion, so it is high time for a normal, cyclical cooling down. But the gloom of even a modest recession, coming on the heels of a stockmarket crash, could start to feed on itself and send the world into the downward spiral.

Even a modest recession could aggravate the Third World debt crisis, and that in turn could present renewed dangers to the world banking system.

This is also an election year in the United States, and no one here expects the Reagan administration to muster the willpower for new policy initiatives, though that is one of the things the world needs most.

A year ago, finance ministers

and central bankers from six major industrial power agreed in Paris that it was time the dollar's 2 1/2 year slide ended. Their agreement, dubbed the Louvre accord, managed to keep the dollar virtually unchanged for eight months.

Steady
But that time was not without its pressures. According to private estimates, confirmed indirectly by a leading central banker, monetary authorities bought nearly \$120 billion during that time to keep the dollar steady.

That meant central banks had to finance about three-quarters of the United States current account deficit — the shortfall in trade of goods and services and in financial transfers — because private financial markets were unwilling to do so.

Central bankers say there were limits to the amount of unwanted dollars they could absorb. They could intervene massively again this year, but then the game is over. The US however, is expected to run a current account

deficit for at least several more years.

In their speeches here, Mulford, Japan's Vice-Minister of Finance, Toyoo Gyobten, and Helmut Schlesinger, vice-president of the West German Bundesbank, each emphasised that adjustment of policies in each of their countries will take time.

They argued that policy coordination was working, gradually, to cure the ills of the world economy.

But one participant at the Davos meeting, speaking privately, was not so sure. The time bought last year with central bank intervention after the Louvre accord has been wasted, he said. The result was the stock market crash.

And this year leadership was lacking, especially from a lame-duck Reagan administration and a coalition in Bonn weakened by a political scandal in the state of Schleswig-Holstein.

"I'm not really all that pessimistic," he said. "But after saying that, I'm not sure anymore."

Dollar would continue to drop, says Saadoun

GCC monetary cooperation vital

By Abdul Karim Kazem

KUWAIT'S well-known economic expert, Jassim Al Saadoun, said yesterday that it was difficult for an outsider to express an opinion on the merger of some local commercial banks.

He said this step concerned banks willing to merge in order to improve their financial situation.

In an interview with the Seyasah and Arab Times newspapers, Al Saadoun stressed the need for monetary cooperation between GCC states. He added that the states could go to the extent of unifying their currencies in order to improve negotiating power in buying, selling or investing.

Al Saadoun warned of another crash in the world stock markets, pointing out that if one took place it would result in a bigger economic crisis and would not be limited to a stock market crisis.

He predicted that the US dollar would continue to drop despite the optimistic atmosphere prevailing in world markets.

He also predicted the return of some Kuwaiti capital as a result of the world stock market crash. He called for bringing back much capital on the medium and long-term as a logical measure to restore balance to investment portfolios.

Agreement
Al Saadoun also called for a general agreement on pricing some important raw materials to preserve their value against the fluctuations of the dollar and the increase in the price of exports from industrial countries.

Speaking about the difficult loans settlement programme, he said that one cannot yet say whether it has been successful or not. He said that so far there had been no true evaluation of the success of the programme, adding that in any evaluation the direct and indirect costs of the programme and also the results must be considered.

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Dollar jumps and gold softens

LONDON, Feb. 1. (Reuters): The dollar jumped and bond markets around the world firmed today as traders bet the Japanese would be big buyers at this week's \$27 billion quarterly sale of government bonds.

The dollar soared nearly two pennings and two yen to early peaks of 1.695 West German marks and 129.60 yen — its highest since mid-November.

US government bonds traded in Europe rose and European and Japanese bonds also firmed, but shares were generally only slightly higher.

London's FTSE 100-share index opened just 6.5 points higher at 1,797.3 and later edged above 1,800. In Tokyo, the world's biggest market, the 225-share Nikkei index rose just 13.16 points — 0.06 per cent — to 23,732.32.

Gold fell again. In London, gold began trading at about \$453 an ounce, its lowest since September, with dealers saying that such strong bond markets suggest investors are less worried about inflation and less unwilling to hold dollars.

Dealer
"For the next couple of weeks or so, there's no reason to sell the dollar," said a London currency dealer. "But after saying that, I'm not sure anymore."

And for now, many dealers

think it is a good idea to hold dollars — Japanese investors are going to need them, if they do buy a lot at the US Treasury bond auction this week.

They also said they were reassured when US officials speaking at the world economic forum in Davos, Switzerland, over the weekend said the dollar was where it ought to be to cut the US trade deficit without a recession, some dealers think there are reasons to buy.

Others are not so sure, though. "Historically, pre-auction there always has been a spate of bullish comments coming out of the US to talk the dollar up," said a trader with an American bank in London.

And, although many speculators are buying up dollars expecting strong demand at the bond sale, some analysts say are not sure it will materialise.

Prices
"As the end of Japan's fiscal year nears, it appears rather unlikely that institutional investors will make a dramatic, last-minute decision to add significantly more US Treasury (bonds) to their portfolios," said Anthony Karyadakis of Mitsubishi Bank Ltd.

Prices of US government bonds, which surged last week, continue to climb in early

European trading, with the benchmark 30-year treasury bond up 1.5 points to 106.

Japanese, West German, British, French and Dutch bonds also gained, even though a strong dollar usually draws investors from three markets.

"It's astonishing that bonds are rising despite the higher dollar," a Frankfurt dealer said. And while a rising dollar usually buoys European shares, its impact was limited today.

West German shares rose, with the 30-share Boersen-Zeitungsindex opening 3.43 points, or 11.4 per cent, higher at 254.57.

But, said one Frankfurt dealer: "Everyone remains extremely cautious."

Higher
Dutch shares rose modestly, with the CBS All-Share index up 0.7 points to 71.8. The Paris bourse indicator edged 0.37 per cent higher and, in Zurich, the All-Share Swiss index rose 7.6 points to 772.6.

Milan's MIB index fell 1.6 per cent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index dropped 51.39 points, or 2.1 per cent, to 2,358.27 while Sydney's All-Ordinaries index fell 19.5 points, or 1.5 per cent, to 1,237.5 and Singapore's Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 points, or 1.9 per cent, to 891.99.

Planned reforms test Turkish banking nerves

ISTANBUL, Feb. 1. (Reuters): The young Turk technocrats at Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's team are readying for the next stage of his economic reform programme — a clean-up of Turkey's debt-laden state banks.

"I am sure there are some who are afraid," said Cokkun Ulusoy, appointed general manager two weeks ago of Turkey's biggest bank, the state-owned TC Ziraat Bankasi A.S.

"It's pure, simple rationalisation, but it takes courage. We have to be leaders, not just managers," Ulusoy told Reuters.

Turkey's 12 state banks, many formed to fund development more than 50 years ago, are now strapped with a burden of low salaries and demoralised personnel, bureaucratic methods and heavy portfolios of bad loans to state industries.

While most of the 50 private and foreign banks in Turkey have responded aggressively and profitably to economic reforms under Ozal this decade, the state banks have lagged behind.

They are a key to the economy, responsible for 57 per cent of the 14,600 billion lira (\$12.7 billion) of loans on Turkish banks' books at the end of 1987.

Their major problem is getting their money paid back. Non-performing loans were officially six per cent of state bank assets at the end of 1986 but are said by senior officials and foreign bankers to rank closer to 40 per cent.

Banks must modernise in line with the rest of Turkish industry, Key Ozal Aide Yavuz Canevi, the undersecretary of Treasury and Foreign Trade, told industrialists in Istanbul last week.

Ozal is attacking the problem by appointing the kind of young, US-trained technocrats who advise him in government — labelled Ozal's princes in the Turkish press or young Turks, in memory of early 19th century reformers.

Approval
Ulusoy, 38, froze credits for a week after taking office to identify non-performing loans, which bankers say may amount to more than a third of credits made by Ziraat Bank.

Ulusoy said he will not land the plane by flying down at 90 degrees, but he is making many state industry managers sweat with refusals to keep lines of credit open to non-payers.

There was a chorus of press approval when the first bad deb-

tor fell under his axe — an industrialist forced to make good a mortgage on his antique bosphorus-side summer house.

But the traditional Turkish answer to struggling private banks has been the merger — a case of Ziraat Bank's woes.

The method was used in the state sector for the first time this month with the formation of Turkiye Emlak Bankasi AS known as Konutbank, from the basically sound Turkiye Emlak Kredi Bankasi AO and the debt-laden Anadolu Banki TAS.

Bulent Semiler, 32, moved with his young management team from Anadolu to take over control of Konutbank despite his failure to save Anadolu during his 18 months there.

The younger generation of bankers are striving to be more professional... rather than preoccupied with political issues," Semiler said in a business magazine article.

Semiler is a friend of the Ozal family and bankers explain the move as Ozal's need for loyal men in top positions. But Ozal has so far turned down Semiler's requests for the merger of more state banks under his wing, bankers say.

Nouri stresses investment strategies

UNITED Gulf Bank (BSC) E.C. has announced the completion of a two year programme to phase out its commercial banking operation and refocus its chief business interests on strategic investment activities.

To this end, according to Mahmoud Al Nouri, Managing Director of United Gulf Bank, the bank took stern measures in 1987 to reduce its loans and contingent liabilities and to reappraise independently its remaining assets to establish realistic market values.

"These measures have not been without significant cost, but the bank is now in a much stronger position to pursue its investment strategies," commented Al Nouri.

In 1987 the bank's gross operating revenue before provisions or extraordinary items was \$11.7 million, compared to \$14.4 million in 1986. After deduction of operating expenses and charges against profits, the bank

recorded a net operating loss in 1987 of \$37.3 million. In 1986 the bank reported a net operating profit of \$6 million.

Charges
Total charges against profits in 1987 were \$44.2 million, \$20.5 million of these resulted from the discounted sale of the bank's entire Latin American portfolio in the secondary loans market.

The balance consists of the write-down to realistic market values of the bank's head office building in Bahrain and other regional investments, and the provisioning against other international and regional loans to reflect expected sale values in the secondary loans market.

Al Nouri pointed out that despite these substantial charges, the original paid-in capital of the bank has remained substantially intact. Shareholders equity totalled \$195 million in 1987.

While no dividends will be paid to shareholders on the basis of the 1987 results, Al Nouri

noted that cumulative dividends paid to shareholders since the inception of the bank in 1981 amounted to 36 per cent of paid-in capital.

Liabilities
Loans and advances totalled \$81 million at year-end 1987 with additional contingent liabilities of \$510 million, giving a combined total of \$591 million. The loans have been fully provisioned at realistic market values according to the recent independent asset appraisal.

Before United Gulf Bank took the decision in 1985 to pull out from commercial banking, loans and contingent liabilities totalled \$664 million.

The pull-out from commercial banking continued to lower operating expenses. In 1987 these were \$4.7 million, 20.3 per cent lower than the 1986 level of \$5.9 million. The 1985 figure for operating expenses was \$9.8 million.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Feb. 1. (Reuters): Gold-related stocks dragged a lacklustre share market to a sharply lower close after Friday's \$12.30 an ounce fall in bullion prices. The All Ordinaries index at the close was 19.5 points lower at 1,237.5.

TOKYO: Prices closed steady after bullish sentiment of last week was tempered by profit-taking on financials. The Nikkei Average rose 13.19 points to 23,732.32.

HONG KONG: Prices closed sharply lower on steady selling pressure from local institutions and small investors. The Hang Seng index lost 51.39 points to 2,358.27.

SINGAPORE: Stocks closed sharply lower in lacklustre trading after profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index fell 16.91 to 891.99.

BOMBAY: Prices recovered marginally in limited buying after last week's fall.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended higher and near the best levels of the session, boosted by the dollar's strong rise over the weekend and Wall Street's sharp gains on Friday. The Commerzbank index, calculated at mid-session, rose 18.3 to 1,236.1.

ZURICH: Prices closed slightly firmer across the board on moderate turnover. The dollar's rise and Wall Street gains had limited impact. AT 1315 GMT the All-Share Swiss index was up 10.6 at 775.6.

LONDON: Shares stayed firm throughout the morning but a surprise rise in Bank of England dealing rates sent prices tumbling just after midday. AT 1223 GMT the FTSE 100 index was up 3.8 at 1,794.6.

Oil discovery

LONDON, Feb. 1. (Kuna): An oilfield estimated to contain about 200 million barrels of recoverable oil has been discovered in Britain's North Sea, it was reported here today.

The discovery was made by a consortium headed by Amerada Hess, an American company. Results from the new well just completed in the area provided fresh data confirming that the Waverley field was considerably bigger than the initial indications suggested.

The Daily Telegraph newspaper quoted industry sources here as saying "it was on a bar" with the other two big discoveries made over the last year, the Kerr McGree Gryphon discovery and the recent Britoil find, called the forth prospect in the North Sea.

Inland Revenue bombshell

ANYONE who has not yet bought life assurance or who needs to top up existing policies has until February 25 to do so after the Inland Revenue yesterday dropped a bombshell on the life assurance industry which will remove important options for policyholders.

From February 25, policies which have the option to convert to a different type of cover — for example, those policies which for a "peppercorn" premium give you the option at maturity to leave your money invested in the life fund rolling up tax free, and take the proceeds as tax free income rather than a lump sum — will no longer be "qualifying" policies.

This means that the proceeds would no longer be tax free, as they are at present, but could be subject to higher rates of income tax.

Incentive
However, existing policies and those taken out before this date will not be affected so there is a real incentive for anyone requiring life cover to sign it up before the cut-off date of February 25 to obtain a policy with these valuable options.

The new ruling is a blow for

both policyholders and the life companies which have been promoting these policies and the flexible income option. Some convertible term policies could also be affected by the new ruling.

These are policies which give straight life cover for a fixed term but contain the option to convert to a savings type policy at a later date.

However, it seems that those that do not pass the new rules could probably be amended to come into line and this option seems likely to still be in existence after February 25.

It looks as though the whole range of flexible endowments may disappear altogether. The Revenue seems confident that it will not be possible to alter the terms to comply with the new certificate requirements.

"However, in order to safeguard the legitimate expectations of existing policyholders and to reduce to a minimum the disruption for life offices, they will not apply the new interpretation to policies based on documents already certified in respect of contracts made before February 25, 1988."

Tony Mustafa

Biggest US inquest yet into Black Monday

NEW YORK, Feb. 1. (AP): When the Senate convenes hearing tomorrow into the stock market collapse, the focus will be on the greed, frantic computerized selling and a panic that combined to erase \$500 billion of American wealth.

The four-day hearings by Senate Banking Committee amount to the most visible government inquest so far into the events behind Black Monday, Oct. 19, when the Dow Jones industrial average plunged a record 508 points.

Powerful
The committee will take testimony from the most

IN FOCUS

The world today

WHILE most Finnish citizens went to the polls yesterday the presidential candidates took time off. President Mauno Koivisto clears the snow from his summer cottage in Inkoo, southern Finland, with a snow plough. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOBOGGANING down the slopes of Mount Royal into a rapidly melting Beaver Lake, a girl takes advantage of the snow before it's all gone as temperatures soared to an unseasonal 10 degrees centigrade, in Montreal on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



REDSKIN centre, Jeff Bostic (53), lifts team-mate Clint Didier (86) high in the air after Didier scored a second quarter touchdown in the Skins 42-10 Super Bowl victory over the Denver Broncos in San Diego on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



AMERICAN-BORN Queen Noor of Jordan crouches by the wheelchair of 13-year-old handicapped Mario Langri during a visit to Rome's Bambino Gesù children's hospital yesterday. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher (left) talks to his British counterpart Sir Geoffrey Howe prior to a meeting yesterday. The European Economic Community ministers began a two-day "conclave" yesterday in a final effort to remove some of the obstacles confronting next week's summit on the EEC's financial crisis. (Reuter wirephoto)



JAMES DENBY, US pilot who was shot down over Nicaragua Dec 6, 1987, returned at dawn on Sunday to his Central Illinois farm, ending two months of captivity that his wife Marie (left) called a "nightmare." Denby is shown at his home shortly after returning. (Reuter wirephoto)



SENATOR Alan Cranston poses in his Capitol office with a copy of Adolf Hitler's "Mein Kampf" on Friday. Cranston was sued by Hitler in 1939 for publishing this unauthorised edition. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS STEPHANIE of Monaco and Andrea (Caroline's son) watch the International Circus Festival performance in Monte Carlo on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



Prince Norodom Sihanouk (right) is greeted by China's Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang during their meeting in Beijing. (Reuter wirephoto)



NICARAGUAN President Daniel Ortega visited Sweden for official talks with Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson (right). The two are pictured at Sunday's working dinner. (Reuter wirephoto)



EAST BERLIN defence lawyer Wolfgang Schnur (left) informs reporters and activists that East Germany has sentenced three more dissidents to six months in prison for unlawful assembly yesterday morning in East Berlin. On his right is Manfred Becker, a senior Protestant Church official. (Reuter wirephoto)



US dasher Carl Lewis yawns as he relaxes from his 200 metres run at Stuttgart's track and field indoor meeting on Sunday. Lewis lost against his team-mate James Butcher who was 0.15 seconds faster than Lewis who clocked in 20.83 seconds. (Reuter wirephoto)

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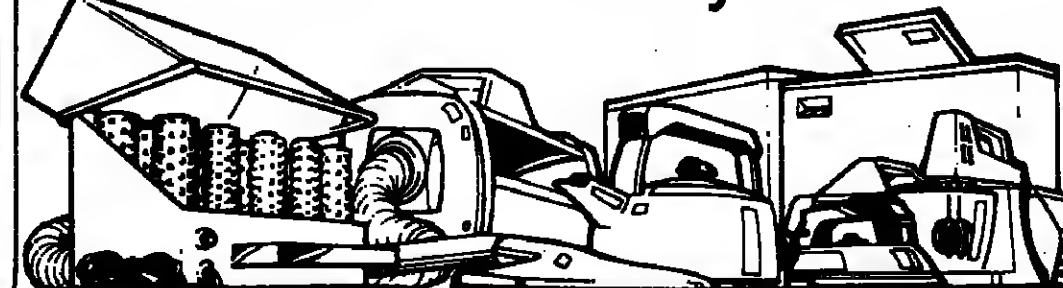
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Tasmanian pair thwart Victoria's win bid

LAUNCESTON, Tasmania, Feb 1, (Reuters): Tasmania last pair Troy Cooley and Claye Young played out the final 32 deliveries of the match to thwart Victoria's win bid in their Sheffield Shield cricket match today.

The two tailenders saved Tasmania from what would have been their fifth defeat in six Sheffield matches this season, holding out at 144 for nine after being set a target of 258 in 71 overs on the fourth and final day.

Young, making his first-class debut, survived a difficult chance to wicketkeeper Michael Dimatina off spinner Paul Jackson from the fifth ball of the third last over, and then played a maiden final over to force a draw.

"Victoria, 122 ahead on first innings, were spared by an unbeaten 71 in 106 balls from Day Whatmore as they extended their overnight 27 for one to 135 without further loss before declaring.

Standings

Queensland	5	1	30
Western Australia	7	2	126
South Australia	7	2	134
New South Wales	7	2	142
Victoria	7	2	142
Tasmania	6	0	2

Flying Arrows beat Rangers

FLYING Arrows maintained their lead at the top of the table in the Burud Trophy League, by registering a convincing win over Rangers, on Friday at the EPI grounds.

Captain Sajid Rizvi won the toss and elected to bat. Rangers scored 141 runs for the loss of six wickets in 27 overs, with Sajid scoring a well made 92 runs.

Flying Arrows bowled well with Derek Almeida (1 for 9) and Vijay Samuel (1 for 27), tormenting the Rangers batsmen with some accurate bowling. Five catches were dropped in Vijay's bowling, with Sajid getting the benefit of one.

Other wicket takers were Norbert D'Souza (2 for 34) and Benjamin Lobo (1 for 29). The only other batsmen to reach double figures were Mahmoud Bastaki, 16 and Pillay 16.

In reply Flying Arrows were given a good start with an opening stand of 47 when Mukesh Mirchandani, 21 was run-out. Verold Sirur who top scored with 55 runs, which included a six and 5 boundaries, stayed at the crease till Flying Arrows were within reach of the Rangers total.

Flying Arrows did have some anxious moments, when they lost 3 quick wickets, but Vijay Samuel, 12 not out, stemmed the rot and held one side together, whilst Verold Sirur and Francis Pereira, who scored a fiery 30, piled on the runs at the other end.

Francis was unlucky to be out when the score was tied at 141, with only a single run needed for victory.

Captain Alex Rego then completed the formalities with a leggie and Flying Arrows romped home winners in 22 overs.

Diamond beat Social

DIAMOND Cricket Club beat Social Cricket Club by five wickets in a friendly match played at the Church ground on Friday.

Social CC batted first and scored 193 for the loss of 9 wickets in 25 overs. Sydney 30, Michel 31, Oberoi 30, and Glen 26 were the main scorers. Asghar and Tariq took two wickets each. Liaqat, Ejaz Ajceth captured one each.

Diamond needing 7.72 runs per over put up a good fight. Their openers Tariq and Ejaz put on 55 runs for the first wicket, Tariq scored 69, while Ejaz scored 29. Lancy 17 and Liaqat 39 remained unbeaten as Diamond won with five wickets to spare. For Social, Oberoi, Anni, Jackson and Paul took one wicket each.

Pakistani advises Gating to take defeat gracefully
KARACHI, Feb 1, (Reuters): Pakistan's chief cricket selector, Haseeb Ahsan, advised England captain Mike Gating yesterday to take defeat gracefully instead of blaming umpires.

110 MORE RUNS NEEDED TO MAKE ENGLAND BAT AGAIN

Boon and Marsh put pride back into Australia

SYDNEY, Feb 1, (Reuters): David Boon and Geoff Marsh put a measure of pride back into Australian cricket with a century opening partnership after the home side were forced to follow on in the bicentennial Test against England today.

Australia, bowled out for 214 in their first innings before lunch, were 101 for no wicket at the close on the fourth day which was cut short by 90 minutes because of bad light.

They need 110 more runs to make England bat again with a draw now the most likely result. Australia resumed this morning under leaden skies and a barrage of media criticism after their first test innings collapse to 164 for seven yesterday.

"A wonderful show for a patient public" and "darkness descends on the so-called new era" headed articles bemoaning the lack of fire and skill in an Australian team which had been hailed as world-beaters just days earlier.

Peter Taylor and Peter Sleep, needing 62 to avoid the follow-on, set about repairing the damage to the team's reputation. They took the score to 183 for seven before Taylor, facing off-spinner John Emburey, the workhorse of the English attack, bowled 30 overs for 57 runs but remained wicketless.

Plugged
Sleep plugged on resolutely, taking Australia past 200 before falling to a fine catch by Bill Athey at second slip off Neil Foster. Sleep hit 41, his team's second highest score.

The innings ended in spectacular fashion 12 runs short of the follow-on target of 226 when number 11 Craig McDermott was superbly caught by Foster at mid-on for one.

McDermott, who will not bowl again this match because of a leg injury, drove a ball from Graham Dilley high over Foster's head. The fast bowler seemed to misjudge the ball's flight while running back, but

after knocking off his cap he leapt to take the catch at full stretch.

Dilley finished with three for 54 and Hemmings three for 53. Off-spinner John Emburey, the workhorse of the English attack, bowled 30 overs for 57 runs but remained wicketless.

Confidence
Marsh and Boon started slowly but grew in confidence as they saw off the new ball in the second innings.

Dilley had 21 runs knocked off his first five overs and in the 15th over England captain Mike Gatting turned to the spin attack which had caused such havoc in the first innings.

Boon, recently crowned the International Cricketer of the Year, began to loosen up as Hemmings and Emburey failed to make the breakthrough on a still turning pitch.

The opening pair raised the 50 partnership in 78 minutes and the

bulky Boon reached his personal half-century off 117 balls with a powerful drive to the fence off Hemmings.

Dilley, recalled to the attack, provided the runs which brought up Boon and Marsh's fourth century partnership in 29 innings for Australia.

This milestone was greeted with a bouncer from Dilley which Marsh only just avoided.

Decided
The umpires, after conferring for the second time in a few minutes, decided it was too dark for that kind of bowling and took the players off 30 minutes into the final session.

The match celebrates 200 years of white settlement in Australia.

Scoreboard
ENGLAND first innings 425
AUSTRALIA first innings (164 for seven overs)
D Boon c French b Foster 12
G Marsh c French b Capel 5
D Jones c Emburey b Hemmings 56

A Border c Broad b Capel 2
M Veletta c Emburey b Hemmings 22
S Waugh c French b Dilley 27
P Sleep c Athey b Foster 41
G Dyer lbw b Dilley 0
P Taylor c French b Hemmings 20
A Dodds not out 12
C McDermott c Foster b Dilley 1
Extras (lb-10 ab-5 w-1) 16
Total 214

Wicketfalls: 1-162-25 3-34 4-82-5 116-6-147 7-153 8-183 9-209.

Bowling: Dilley 19.1-4-54-3 (Sub 1w), Foster 19-6-27-2, Emburey 30-10-57-4, Capel 6-3-13-2, Hemmings 22-3-53-3.

AUSTRALIA second innings
G Marsh not out 41
D Boon not out 54
Extras (lb-2 lb-2 ab-2) 6
Total (for no wicket) 101
To bat: Dean Jones, Allan Border, Mike Veletta, Steve Waugh, Greg Dyer, Peter Taylor, Peter Sleep, Tony Dodds, Craig McDermott.

Bowling to date: Foster 7-2-14-0, Capel 6-2-11-0, Dilley 5.3-1-23-0 (2 ab), Hemmings 14-2-29-0, Emburey 11-2-28-0.



England's Bill Athey takes evasive action as Australia's Geoff Marsh sweeps a ball from Eddie Hemmings at Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Rebel tour report untrue: Australians

SYDNEY, Feb 1, (Reuters): Reports in a London newspaper claiming another rebel cricket tour of South Africa was being organised were false and baseless, Australian cricketers said today.

Kim Hughes, the former Australian Test captain who led the most recent rebel tour of the racially segregated republic, said the story was "an absolute load of hogwash."

"I have no intention of returning to South Africa," he added. Former Test all-rounder Greg Matthews, whose name was also mentioned in the report, said: "I haven't been approached nor have I had any offers. As far as I'm concerned I see my future as being with New South Wales and, hopefully, Australia."

Nothing
Steve Rixon, former Australian wicket-keeper and vice-captain to Hughes on the 1985/6 and 1986/7 rebel tours, said he knew nothing about any offer. The Mail yesterday claimed players from Australia, New Zealand, England and the West Indies had been invited to take part in a tournament marking the centenary of the Transvaal Cricket Union.

Australian Cricket Board chairman Malcolm Gray said the timing of the story seemed suspicious and the bicentennial Test was probably being used as a vehicle to give emphasis to the

story. Gray said he wanted to remind any Australian player who accepted offers to play in South Africa that they would face a 10-year ban from first class cricket.

In Johannesburg, South African cricket authorities also denied the reports.

"There is no truth whatever in this report, and I categorically deny that a tour is being planned," Joe Parnesky, president of the South African Cricket Union, told reporters.

Parnesky said the tour rumours were part of an orchestrated campaign to further isolate South Africa from world cricket.

In New Zealand, Richard Hadlee and Martin Crowe denied yesterday that they had been approached to spearhead a rebel team to tour South Africa.

Both Test players ridiculed the report in the Mail yesterday which claimed that former New Zealand captain John Reid tried to recruit them for an international cricket extravaganza in South Africa.

The report said Crowe had been approached but turned down the offer, but indicated Hadlee was a likely member and that Jeremy Conway, Stephen Boock, Bruce Edgar and Lance Cairns had been persuaded to take part.

Walkinshaw's Jaguar wins Daytona 24-hours race

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb 1, (AP): The Jaguar XJR-9 prototype driven by Raul Boesel of Brazil, John Nielsen of Denmark and Britain's Martin Brundle won the Daytona 24-hours race yesterday.

The victory ended the Porsche's 11-year domination of the race.

The XJR-9 prototype was one of three entered in the race by Scotsman Tom Walkinshaw, whose team conquered European sports car racing in 1987. The car held off a late challenge from the Porsche 962 prototype of pole-winner Mauro Baldi of Italy and two-time Daytona winners Brian Redman of England and Bob Wollek of France.

Powered
The German-built Porsche had won seven straight Daytona 24-hour races and cars powered by Porsche engines had won 11 in a row in America's premier sports car endurance event and the season-opener in the IMSA Camel GT series.

But the British-made Jaguars placed first and third in their first American appearance.

Nielsen, who lives in West Germany, was at the wheel of the winning car when it took the checkered flag after 722 laps, covering 4,146.7 km (2,591.7 miles) on the 5.6 km (3.5-mile) Daytona International Speedway roadcourse.

The winners averaged 172.6 kmph (107.9 mph), pulling away in the final hour in beating the



A view of the 24-hours endurance race at Daytona Beach, Florida. (Reuters wirephoto)

second-place car by nearly two laps. "I think that I should be tired when I finish," Nielsen said. "We had a lot of problems, but we had them early, and had time to come back."

Routine
The second-place Porsche led as late as lap 654, about 2.5 hours from the end of the race. But, when Wollek made a routine pit stop, the Jaguar went ahead to stay.

Redman was only 13 seconds from being lapped by the leader when an accident in turn one brought out the 10th and final full-course caution flag of the grueling twice-around-the-clock event. That bunched up the remain-

ing cars and, after pit stops and driver changes by both leaders, Baldi was trying to hustle the car around the track under the yellow flag in hopes of getting in position to catch the Jaguar when the green flag came back out.

That's when disaster struck for the Porsche team. Baldi slid off-course into the infield, badly damaging the front bodywork on the car.

That forced an extra pit stop and virtually ended any chance of another Porsche victory.

The Porsche 962 defending champions Al Holbert, Chip Robinson and Englishman Derek Bell also made a strong effort, leading numerous times during the first 18 hours. But after losing 23 minutes and seven

laps in the pits because of a turbocharger problem, the Porsche never got closer to the front-runners than four laps, finally going out with just under two hours left when its engine quit while Bell was running third.

Consecutive
That ended the hopes of Holbert and Bell for an unprecedented fifth consecutive 24-hour victory. The two had co-driven to two straight wins in Daytona and at Le Mans.

"It just broke," Holbert said of his car, which finished seventh. The Jaguar of American-born Eddie Cheever, John Watson of Northern Ireland and Englishman Johnny Dumfries, which also led several times, took third despite a sick engine over the final few hours of the race.

The third Jaguar in Walkinshaw's stable led for a while early yesterday and still was in second place after dawn. But the car, shared by Americans Danny Sullivan and Davy Jones and Jan Lammers of the Netherlands, went out of the race during the 18th hour with a mechanical problem.

"The oil temperature went up," Lammers said. "We hit debris during the night and ... blocked part of the radiator. I think that caused the problems. We were driving with two high temperatures for too long, and that damaged the motor."

The two Porsches and three Jaguars had battled through Saturday night and the pre-dawn

hours yesterday in one of the closest 24-hour races ever.

The Porsche of West Germans Klaus Ludwig and Hans Stuck and teammate Sarel Van Der Merwe of South Africa, finished a distant fourth after overcoming a variety of mechanical problems. The Porsche of Americans Jim Rotherbarth and Rob Stevens and Bernard Jourdain of Mexico was fifth.

Another victim of mechanical problems was the Porsche 962 of two-time Daytona winners AJ Foyt and Al Unser Jr. and teammate Elliott Forbes-Robinson. After hanging in the top 10 through the night, the car spent more than an hour in the pits shortly before dawn to replace its fifth gear, falling far off the pace and eventually finishing sixth.

A Pontiac GTP shared by Americans Steve Durst, Mike Brockman and Rob Earl was eighth, and the Porsche of Price Cobb, James Weaver of Britain and Vern Schuppan of New Zealand, which led early in the race, finished ninth after the crew changed a blown engine in the early-morning hours.

Top
That gave Porsche six of the top 10 spots.

Despite a number of minor accidents during the race, no injuries were reported.

A crowd which swelled at times to about 40,000 watched the race, which was run in mild weather with only a little early morning rain.

Rodriguez takes inaugural Senior Skins game

Lyle wins Phoenix Open inplayoff over couples

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona, Feb 1, (Reuters): Sandy Lyle of Britain came from seven strokes off the pace to the Fred Couples and then won the playoff on the third extra hole yesterday in the \$650,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament.

Lyle shot a six-under-par 65 with a bogey at the final hole for a 15-under-par 269 total.

Couples also bogeyed the final hole in his round of 70 to set up the sudden death playoff.

They both parred the two extra holes, although Lyle missed a four foot birdie putt that would have won it for him.

Extra
On the third extra hole, couples hit his tee shot into the water to the left of the fairway, just as he did at the close of regulation play. After taking a drop, he proceeded to hit his third shot into a greenside bunker. His next shot was long and he missed a 20-foot putt and took a double bogey.

Lyle was able to win it with a bogey. His second shot was long but he chipped it six feet short of the hole and two-putted for the bogey and the victory.

Lyle said, "I thought my chances were very thin at the start. I thought one of the leaders would shoot a good score, but I had a

good start with birdies at the first two holes and that improved my chances."

When the round started, he was tied for fourth place, seven shot behind Davis Love and five strokes behind Couples.

Lyle continued his strong play through the round, as he birdied the ninth hole from 12-feet, the 11th from 20 feet, the 13th from three feet, the par-five from 15 by reaching the green in two and two-putting.

Drove
Lyle birdied the 17th as he drove the green on the 332-yard hole and then had to two-putt from 80-feet.

The birdie at 17 moved him into a tie with Couples but on the final hole he hit his approach shot into a bunker, blasted out and two-putted from 15-feet.

Moments later, Couples drove the ball into the water at 18 and went on to suffer that set up the playoff.

Lyle collected \$117,000 for the win while Couples got \$70,200.

Lyle said, "It's always a great pleasure to win in a foreign country. If you want a world-wide name, you have to win abroad."

South African David Frost finished third at 13-under-par 271. Love had a final round of 76 and dropped into fourth place at

273. Briton Ken Brown shot a closing 67 and moved into a fifth place tie with Gil Morgan, Ken Green and Bob Lohr.

Capped
Meanwhile, in Oahu, Hawaii, Chi Chi Rodriguez capped off his most lucrative day as a professional golfer by winning a six-hole playoff yesterday good for \$90,000 and a grand total of \$300,000 in the inaugural Senior Skins game.

Rodriguez, who won a total of six skins over the two-day, 18-hole competition, defeated Arnold Palmer, worth \$20,000. Snead failed to win any skins.

The senior skins game, a spin-off of the regular skins game which started in 1983, featured a format where prize money was offered on every hole, but only to a player who won the hole outright. If two tied, all tied, and the prize money was carried over to the next hole.

The first six holes were worth \$10,000 each the second six holes \$20,000 each and the final six holes worth \$30,000 each.

After the first day's competition, Rodriguez had set the pace by taking three skins worth a total of \$40,000 while Palmer had won one skin worth \$20,000. Holes seven through nine,

however, were halved, making the 10th hole worth \$80,000 — \$60,000 in carry-overs on top of the regular \$20,000.

Rodriguez wasted little time in collecting the \$80,000 when Palmer, player and Snead all failed to match Rodriguez' birdie four on the par-five, 10th. After the 11th hole was halved with pars, player finally broke through with a birdie three on the 12th hole, his lone skin of the tournament, to win \$40,000.

Halved
After the 13th and 14th holes were halved, making the 15th worth \$90,000, Rodriguez again made the birdie, this time with a 35 foot putt for a two.

The last three holes were all halved, forcing a sudden death play off between all four players.

Rodriguez, Palmer and Player all made birdies on the first play off hole while Snead was ousted after posting a par-five.

All three made par on the second playoff hole. Player dropped out on the third play off hole with a par while Rodriguez and Palmer again made birdies.

After two more playoff hole ties, Palmer ran into trouble on the sixth extra hole, by pulling his nine-iron second shot left of the green. Palmer chipped to one

foot and tapped in for bogey five. Rodriguez calmly two putted from 15 feet to make par, collect the \$90,000 from the playoff, and capture the first Senior Skins Game Championship.

"It was tough at the beginning because I've never played in the skins game before," said Rodriguez, who won over \$500,000 on the 1987 senior tour. Palmer, who had several chances to win skins outright, pointed to a faulty short game for his poor performance.

"I'm very disappointed in my play," said Palmer, 58. "I had ample opportunity but didn't make the birdie putts when I needed them most."

Player echoed Palmer's comments about putting. "I had my chances as well, but the putts didn't go in. Overall, I played well, but in this format you have to play well at the right time."

Lipped
Snead, who turns 76 this May, lipped out a chip shot from 15 feet on the final hole of regulation that would have given him a \$90,000 skin.

"It's just one of those things," Snead said. "It looked like a lot of my shots might go in and not a one did. I enjoyed being able to play here but wish I could have played better."

One killed in steel grate collapse during ceremony

REDONDO BEACH, California, Feb 1, (AP): A steel grate atop a parking structure collapsed yesterday during an awards ceremony for a 10-km (6.2-mile) race, killing one person and injuring nine others, authorities said.

A man, described only as possibly being in his early 40s, died about 20 minutes after arriving at a local hospital, said a nursing supervisor who declined to be identified.

Wore
The man wore a running shirt and shorts, but it was not known if he was a participant in the Super Bowl yesterday's 10K run through the southern California community.

Race entries included Orlando Pizzolatto of Italy, a two-time winner of the New York Marathon, and US Olympic runner Ruth Wysocki.

Nine injured people were taken to local hospitals for evaluation. One was listed in serious condition and the others described as alert, stable or under evaluation, nursing supervisors said.

A large ventilation grate that allows air into the two-story parking structure gave way about 9:20 am (1420 GMT), said fire Capt. John Velasquez. Paramedics who had run in the

race helped treat the wounded, authorities said.

The parking structure is near the city pier, which sustained extensive damage from surf in recent storms. But Velasquez said the parking structure had not been damaged by the storms.

Green gets cheapest seat

SAN DIEGO, Feb 1, (AP): Walter Green had one of the cheapest seats in the house, and because the Washington Redskins played through he'll also have clean clothes and a sparkling car for a year.

Green, 56, a resident of Indiana, bought his seat in Plaza level of the end zone for \$20 several minutes before kickoff of Super Bowl XXII.

"I yelled out 'I need a free ticket.' I was joking but this woman said her old man had gotten drunk and gave me his ticket for 20 bucks," Green said, still amazed at his good fortune after yesterday's game.

Other Seattles fans bought tickets from scalpers yesterday for three to four times their \$100 face value.

In addition, the Redskins routed the Denver Broncos 42-10, making Green victorious in a bet with his children.

Spraggett scores victory in fifth game

SAINT JOHN, New Brunswick, Feb 1, (AP): Canadian grandmaster Kevin Spraggett scored a victory yesterday in the resumed fifth game of his World Chess Championship Candidates Final against Andrei Sokolov of the Soviet Union.

Spraggett's victory tied their match at 2.5.

Play had been adjourned on Saturday in a position with the 34-year-old Spraggett from Montreal maintaining a pawn advantage.

In the second session, Spraggett won a further two pawns and eventually forced Sokolov's resignation at move 73.

Sokolov, 24, who was ranked third in the world last year, had been the favourite before the six-game duel began.

But Spraggett's fighting play has left experts unwilling to rule out an upset.

The winner of the Candidates series will challenge world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union for his title in 1990.

The victors of the New Brunswick matches will join Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union, ranked No.2 in the world, in a final playoff series to decide the challenger.

Nigel Short and Jonathan Spelman of England and Artur Yusupov of the Soviet Union are already through to the quarter-final stage after winning their matches on Saturday.

In the other contests, Johann Hjartarson of Iceland leads Viktor Korchnoi of Switzerland 3-2 and Hungary's Lajos Portisch

retains a 3-2 advantage over Rafael Vaganian of the Soviet Union.

The duel between Dutch grandmaster Jan Timman, this year's third ranked player in the world, and Valery Salov of the Soviet Union is tied at 2.5 points apiece.

The Candidates matches are part of the World Chess Festival, a monthlong event that has attracted more than 700 competitors from 26 countries.

The festival climaxes with the arrival of Kasparov and Karpov to play in the Feb 20 World Blitz Championship, where each player's thinking time will be limited to five minutes per player per game.

It will be Kasparov's first appearance in North America. The sixth

SPORTS

DENVER LOSES LOPSIDED SUPER BOWL GAME

Williams leads Redskins to victory over Broncos

SAN DIEGO, California, Feb. 1, (UPI): Doug Williams overcame a poor start, a leg injury and a sore jaw yesterday to initiate one of the most electrifying quarters in pro football history and rally the Washington Redskins to a 42-10 rout of the Denver Broncos in the Super Bowl.

Williams threw four touchdown passes to lead a dizzying 35-point outburst in the second quarter and bring the Redskins back from a 10-0 deficit to gain their second NFL Championship of the decade.

The 32-year-old quarterback broke Super Bowl records for most touchdown passes and passing yardage in a single quarter to conclude a remarkable season that began in hard luck and obscurity.

Williams, whose career has been marked by repeated setbacks and personal tragedy, started the season as a marginal backup who had lost his job when the USFL folded. And, even at the outset of yesterday's game Williams appeared headed for defeat.

Recovering from the effects of root canal work on an abscessed tooth on Saturday night, Williams endured an ineffectual first quarter. Shortly before the second quarter, he suffered a hyperextended knee that sent him briefly to the sidelines.

Reverse

But on his first play back in the game, he hit Ricky Sanders with an 80-yard touchdown pass and the Redskins proceeded to reverse the tide of the contest at a speed never before seen in a Super Bowl.

Sanders scored twice, as did rookie running back Tim Smith, who made the first start of his career and gained a Super Bowl record 204 yards on 22 carries. The Redskins' also set Super Bowl records for touchdowns (6) and points in a quarter (35), continuing the event's tradition of providing immense buildup and one-sided games.

Williams threw for more yardage than any Super Bowl quarterback, needing only 18 plays in the second period to lead his team on five touchdown drives.

gaining 357 yards. His four touchdown passes matched Terry Bradshaw's Super Bowl record. Only three teams in the 68-year history of pro football have scored more points in one quarter.

Williams faced a pressure-cooker of attention the past week as he answered myriad questions about his role as the first black to start a Super Bowl and the hardships he faced over his wife's death from cancer in 1983.

Spotlight

But before a crowd of 73,302 at San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium and a national television audience of some 120 million, the spotlight proved altogether fitting for Williams when the second quarter began. He finished the game with 17 completions in 28 attempts for 332 yards — 228 in the second period while the Redskins were running up a 35-10 advantage.

John Elway, against whom Williams was compared and found lacking all week, had one of his worst professional games. He completed only 14 of 38 passes for 257 yards and threw three interceptions.

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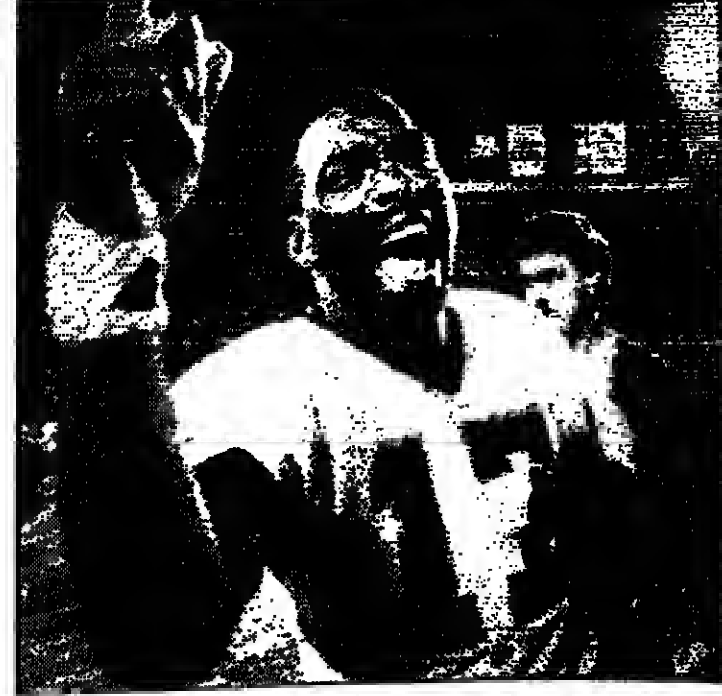
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Supreme

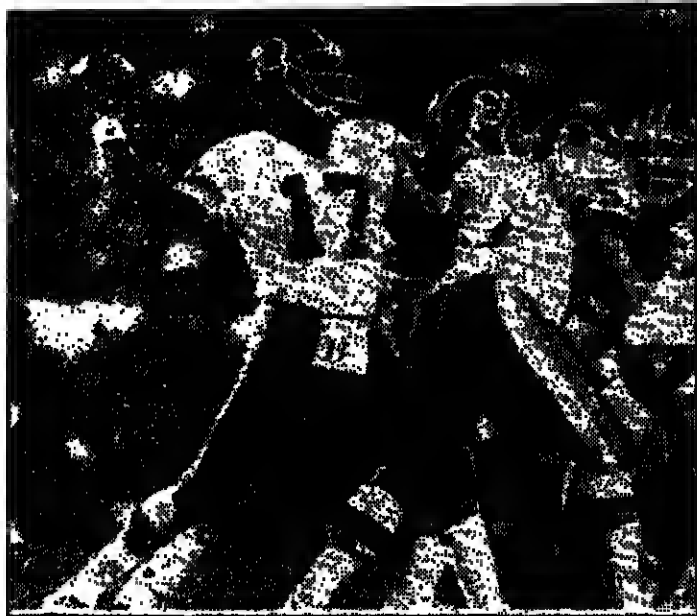
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Redskins' Ricky Sanders is tripped up in first quarter. He fumbled but Washington recovered. Sanders went wild in the second quarter as Washington pulled ahead in Sunday's Super Bowl in San Diego. (Reuter wirephoto)



Washington Redskins quarterback Williams walks off with the ball after he led the Redskins to victory. (Reuter wirephoto)



Washington's Doug Williams prepares to pass during third quarter action. (Reuter wirephoto)

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But for a brief period yesterday it appeared the Broncos would bring their first NFL title to the Rocky Mountains. Elway threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Nattiel on the Broncos' first play — the quickest Super Bowl touchdown — and Rich Karlis added a 24-yard field goal on Denver's next possession.

No team had owned a 10-point Super Bowl lead and lost.

After completing his first two passes for 88 yards, Elway went into almost instant decline. On their first two possessions Denver had three plays of 23 yards or more. They managed only two of that distance or more the rest of the game.

Astroblephing

The Redskins' second quarter was even more astonishing when measured against a first period in which they appeared headed for a lopsided loss.

Clark dropped two passes. Sanders dropped one and Kelvin Bryant booted another. In addition, Washington punter Steve Cox repeatedly helped Denver's field position.

But when the Redskins did begin to score, they scored easily. They had seven plays of 16 yards or more in the second period while the Broncos' defence was falling in a tide of panic.

The most yards gained in a single game against Denver all season had been the 449 mustered by Cleveland in the AFC title game. The Redskins came within 15 yards of matching that total in the first half alone.

After the 80-yard scoring pass to Sanders, the Redskins regained the ball at their own 36-yard line.

They needed only five plays to reach the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown. Williams threw a 9-yard pass to Warren

and a 19-yard pass to Smith before hitting Clark with 27-yard scoring pass.

The Redskins needed just two plays to go 74 yards the next time they had the ball. A 16-yard throw to Clark preceded Smith's 58-yard scoring run — a play in which Didier collapsed the inside of the Denver defensive line with a thundering block.

Drive

Next came a 60-yard drive in three plays. The touchdown pass went 49 yards to Sanders, who went in motion from left to right across the backfield. When the ball was snapped, Sanders sprinted upfield and was open from the second he crossed the line of scrimmage.

Finally, the Redskins drove 79 yards in seven plays with big advance of 43-yard run by Smith. Williams 8-yard touchdown throw to Didier ended the amazing display.



Broncos quarterback John Elway (No. 7) rests

Redskins fans turn Washington into carnival town

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Thousands of Washington Redskins fans jammed streets and blared car horns as the normally sedate city marked its football team's victory in Super Bowl XXII yesterday with carnival-style fervor.

Beer-swilling supporters with faces painted magenta and gold, the Redskins' colours, bled from street light fixtures and whooped their delight outside bars on last night and early today in the Georgetown district where many foreign embassies are located.

Starch out

In Denver, however, five quick second quarter touchdowns by Washington on the way to a 42-10 victory took the starch out of Broncos fans watching the game in their favourite bars.

Denver fans were hooting and hollering, popping bar tops and slapping back when the Broncos stepped out to a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

Fans first groaned and cursed when the Redskins came back to score two touchdowns. Fans then sat in stunned silence as

three more were scored and many finished their drinks and left dejectedly, some of the women in tears as they said goodbye.

But to Washington's fashionable Du Pont Circle, Redskins fanatics with caps and pennants snarled traffic by leaping out of their cars and dancing on the hoods at traffic lights.

It was a sweet moment for Washingtonians, often denigrated by out-of-towners as residents of a city where high-brow diplomacy, shady politicking and suburban moderation are more in evidence than sporting prowess and emotional abandon.

Symbol

With no baseball team any more and hockey and basketball teams playing out in the suburbs, the Redskins football team is virtually the only symbol of sport-unity in which most city residents feel instinctive pride.

"Thank God I have a chance to be part of this. We are thrilled," Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs said on television.

President Reagan and his wife Nancy watched the game at the



Washington DC policemen use their clubs as they attempt to hold back Washington Redskins fans who poured into the streets shortly after Redskins' victory. (Reuter wirephoto)

White House, dining with friends on chili and hot dogs. For two weeks, Super Bowl

fever had put a spell over Washington. By comparison, the public reaction to events such as

the December visit of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was one of mere passing curiosity.

Johnson says 60 metres bid is guide for 100 metres

MADRID, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Canadian Ben Johnson, a four-time world record at an indoor athletics meeting in Madrid as a guide to whether he can beat his 100 metres outdoor mark later.

He said today he was in better shape than last year, but was still tired after the journey from Toronto via Frankfurt at the weekend and needed to rest before he tried to cut his 60 metres time from 6.41 seconds.

"I always compare indoor times to outdoors. If I run 6.38 seconds (on Tuesday), it could be 9.78 (for the 100 metres)," he told reporters.

"It could be anything," he said, but added that he felt 9.70 seconds was an impossible target.

He said he did not think anyone at the moment could beat his 100 metres record.

"It's hard to say how long it will last because the human body is changing all the time," but added that if he set another record this year "it'll be hard (to beat) for a long, long time."

W. Germany win World Cup relay

RUHPOLDING, West Germany, Feb. 1, (AP): West Germany won the 7.5-km (5.1-mile) relay yesterday at a World Cup biathlon competition, finishing ahead of Czechoslovakia and scoring 100 misses on the shooting range.

The West German team — comprised of Ernst Reiter, Stefan Hoock, Peter Angerer and Fritz Fischer — finished the course in 1 hour, 39 minutes and 24.7 seconds.

Seminar on sports journalism opens

THE chairman of the Asian Olympics Council (AOC) Sheikh Fadd Al Ahmad yesterday opened a week-long seminar on sports journalism organised by Kuwait Journalists Association (KJA) in cooperation with the Asian Federation of Sports Journalism (AFSJ).

Addressing the inaugural session, KJA chairman Ahmad Behbahani said the seminar is aimed at developing the efficiency of sports editors and reporters in radio, TV, newspapers and magazines.

AFSJ chairman Abdelmohsen Al Hosaini, said the best practical technique to upgrade technical and professional level of the sports editors and reporters is through holding seminars and training courses.

He added that seminars should focus on the significance of world sports reporting and getting acquainted with its techniques.

Al Hosaini finally paid tribute to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour for its continuous help to AFSJ. The ministry has recently increased its annual financial aid to KD30,000.

Sheikh Fadd stressed the role of sports reporting in recording world sport events and accomplishments.

He said sports editors are responsible for recording such events frankly by committing themselves to constructive criticism.

Celtic beat Philadelphia

BOSTON, Feb. 1, (AP): Larry Bird scored 29 points and grabbed 17 rebounds, leading the Boston Celtics to a 100-85 victory over Philadelphia yesterday.

The 76ers hit a National Basketball Association season low with 29 points in the first half.

With Philadelphia's high-scoring Charles Barkley sidelined with a twisted ankle, the Celtics rolled to their 63rd consecutive regular season victory over an Eastern Conference rival.

Kevin McHale scored 26 points and Danny Ainge 16, helping the Celtics stretch their Atlantic division lead to 11 games over the 76ers.

Boston took a 74-53 lead into the final period. The 76ers were led by Maurice Cheeks with 17 points and Mike Gminski with 16. Gerald Henderson had 12, all in the fourth period.

Cruyff willing to discuss Barcelona job

BARCELONA, Spain, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Johan Cruyff, who resigned as coach to Ajax Amsterdam last month, said today he was willing to discuss coaching Barcelona next season if he was approached by the Spanish club.

Cruyff, who was Barcelona's inspiration on the pitch when they won the Spanish first division title in 1974 — their first such triumph for 14 years, was in Spain on business.

He told reporters he would be willing to discuss a return to the Catalan Club as coach if the club contacted him, but added he would not want to take over this season.

Club officials were not immediately available for comment on any possible approach for the Dutchman who was regarded universally as the outstanding player of his generation.

Last season, he guided Ajax to their first European triumph in 14 years when they won the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Barcelona, one of the world's richest clubs, are currently flourishing in mid-table in the Spanish first division, 15 points behind Real Madrid.

Soccer draw sets up possible clash of Liverpool with Everton

LONDON, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Favourites Liverpool are in line to meet neighbours and League champions Everton in the fifth round of the English Football Association (FA) Cup.

In an appetising draw made today the runaway League leaders must travel to the winners of the fourth round tie between Everton and Second Division Middlesbrough.

Although Middlesbrough are at home in Wednesday's replay, the odds are still on doughty Cup-fighters Everton reaching the next round.

Only side

Everton are the only side this season to beat Liverpool. That was in a third round League Cup tie in October but since then Liverpool are unbeaten in all competition and they would welcome the chance of Cup revenge over their old foes.

Liverpool's highly efficient 2-0 fourth round success at Aston Villa yesterday sent more shudders through the ranks.

The other glamour tie, which is sure to be a sell-out, is at Arsenal where Manchester United are the visitors.

Third Division Port Vale, who knocked out Tottenham on Saturday, were rewarded with another home tie, against First Division Watford.

Improving Newcastle United, famous Cup fighters of the 1950s, will be at home to rugged Wimbledon, fancied by many to go a long way in the competition.

Entertain

In another all First-Division affair, Queens Park Rangers entertain Luton, who, like their hosts, play on a plastic surface.

An all-midlands clash features Second Division Birmingham at home to Nottingham Forest.

In other games, Portsmouth or Sheffield United are at home to Bradford, while Blackpool or Manchester City entertain Plymouth.

Birmingham v Nottingham Forest. Matches to be played on Saturday, February 20.

in the ground on Saturday and we hope to get a similar attendance against Watford."

Draw

Queens Park Rangers v Luton Newcastle v Wimbledon Port Vale v Watford Portsmouth or Sheffield United v Bradford

Arsenal v Manchester United Everton or Middlesbrough v Liverpool Blackpool or Manchester City v Plymouth

Birmingham v Nottingham Forest

Matches to be played on Saturday, February 20.

World best

BOSTON, Feb. 1, (AP): Joetta Clark has set a world indoor best in the women's 500-metre race.

Clark was timed in 1 minute, 8.82 seconds in a race on Saturday at Boston University. The previous world best of 1:08.86 was set by Olga Nazarova of the Soviet Union at Moscow on Jan. 3, 1987.

The 500 was not contested at last year's world indoor track and field championships.

Benfica battle to draw with Porto

LISBON, Feb. 1, (Reuter): Benfica kept their fading title hopes alive yesterday when they battled to a 1-1 draw against unbeaten Portuguese league leaders Porto in front of 120,000 fans in the vast Stadium of Light.

The home supporters had little to cheer about in the first half of a pulsating match as Porto showed their European cup-winning form, repeatedly stretching the home defence with lightning counterattacks.

Glance

The visitors took the lead in the 20th minute when Jaime Magalhães, allowed a lingering glance at goal, lashed the ball high into the net from more than 30 metres.

A woe would have opened up a nine-point gap between Porto and the title-holders and few would have bet against such an outcome when the players trooped off at half-time.

But Benfica emerged transformed, drawing level only three minutes into the second half with a magnificent goal from Diamantino. He rammed the ball home after Antonio Pacheco had left the Porto defence flat-footed with a run from the left.

Roared on by the capacity crowd, Benfica dominated the rest of the match and Swedish

striker Mats Magnusson was specially unlucky as shots peppered the Porto goal.

The draw leaves Porto on 34 points, seven ahead of Benfica and virtually out of sight of everyone else with half the championship played.

Continued

Sporting's dismal season continued with a shock 4-0 defeat at Penafiel, again raising doubts about the future of English manager Keith Burkinshaw. The Lisboa side have slumped to eighth position.

● In Amsterdam, Dutch soccer champions PSV Eindhoven, their 19-year record marred only by one draw this season, gave another highly confident display by trouncing FC Den Haag 9-1 in the first division yesterday.

Dutch international Ronald Koeman opened the scoring spree through a penalty and later added a second as PSV opened a 6-0 halftime lead against lowly-placed Den Haag.

Hans Gillbaas joined Koeman, who is signing a new four-year contract with PSV, after turning down overtures from Barcelona, in scoring twice. Gerald Vanenburg, Anton Janssen, Sören Lerby, Eric Viscal and Eric Gerets collected one each.

But PSV, recording their 18th victory of the season, could not reach double figures and conceded a goal in the last minute of the match to Leo Schellevis.

Ajax, trailing PSV by five points but with two more matches played, was 3-1 away to bottom-placed DS '79 with goals in the first half by Jan Wouters, Jobo Bosmao and recently-joined Swedish defender Peter Larsson, who scored for the first time in the Dutch league.

Nehru Cup soccer tourney

NEW DELHI, Feb. 1, (Xinhua): Poland defeated Bulgaria 2-0 in the seventh Nehru International Gold Cup football tournament in Siliguri of West Bengal state this evening.

Both goals came in the first half.

Following are the team standings (tabulated under matches played, won, drawn, lost, goals for, against and points):

Soviet Union	4	4	0	6	1	8
Bulgaria	5	3	0	2	8	6
Poland	4	2	1	5	3	5
Hungary	4	1	2	6	5	3
China	5	1	3	4	6	3
India	4	0	1	3	2	1

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